

Sociology Department Small Grant Program, 2016-17

The Department of Sociology has two competitions per year for small grants to support graduate student expenses for research or conference travel. We offer a limited number of grants for amounts up to \$500; requests for amounts over this limit will be considered only if funds are available. *If awarded, funds will be dispensed as reimbursements for receipt-based expenses included in the approved project budget.* All funds must be expended within 12 months of receiving the award notification. (Note that these departmental research and travel grants are distinct from the Graduate School Conference Travel Support and Special Study/Pre-Dissertation Awards programs. On a rare instance, grants may be considered outside of the normal application cycle at the discretion of the graduate director.)

Deadlines and submission – Submit the attached PDF application form and supplements specified in the application to Marie Ferguson (meferguson@sociology.rutgers.edu) and Steve Brechin (gpd@sociology.rutgers.edu) by **Wednesday, October 5th**. The deadline for the spring competition is **Friday, April 7th**. Please download and save the application form, type all information into your application, and submit it with the requested supplements via email.

Research grants – These awards are intended to assist graduate students in covering the costs incurred in conducting their research. Budgeted items may include costs such as transcription, software not available in the department computer lab, payment to research subjects, printing costs for surveys, travel to research sites, special training seminars, and the like (note that these are examples and not an exhaustive list of allowable expenses). These grants do NOT fund equipment purchases.

Conference travel grants – These awards are intended to assist in covering the costs incurred in traveling to a professional conference to present your research. Grants may be used to cover expenses for conference registration, transportation, lodging, and per diem food costs. You are eligible for a travel grant for presenting your research in a regular paper, roundtable, or poster session although priority will be given to regular paper presentations.

Eligibility – All currently enrolled graduate students in the Department of Sociology are eligible although priority will be given to students who have: (a) *not* received funding from the Graduate School in their most recent conference travel, special study, or pre-dissertation competition; and (b) *not* received funding from the Sociology Small grants program in the most recent competition.

Review and selection – All applications will be reviewed by the Small Grants Subcommittee of the Graduate Committee. *If your decision to attend a conference is contingent upon receiving funding, please apply during a cycle that is sufficiently in advance of the conference to allow you to plan accordingly.*