

PROGRAM IN AMERICAN DEMOCRACY Graduate Student Research Support Fund

The purpose of the PAD Graduate Student Research Support Fund is to support graduate student research on topics relating to American politics in the Department of Political Science.

- Research must involve American politics
- The purpose of the Fund is to support graduate student research; this Fund does not support graduate student assistance on faculty research projects (exceptions may be made for faculty-student collaborations)
- Funds support activities relating to research, such as research travel, conference travel, data acquisition, research-related training (e.g. ICPSR)
- The Fund is intended to *supplement*, not replace other sources of graduate student research support
 - Requests should demonstrate that other sources of support have been exhausted or explored, including departmental travel funds, graduate program RA support, and so on
- This fund does not provide stipends
- Maximum annual award: \$1,000 (subject to total fund availability)

Proposals will be accepted in the late Summer/early Fall for academic year funding and in the early Spring for Spring/Summer funding. Specific deadlines will be announced by the PAD director. The PAD Advisory Board will make all funding decisions. Proposals will be treated as confidential.

Proposals should contain the following

- Project description (2 page max)
 - Briefly described the research project, including its place in your research agenda (e.g. part of or separate from dissertation project). If the request is not tied to a specific project (e.g. ICPSR tuition), describe how such training would contribute to your overall research goals.
- Need justification (1 page max)
 - Explain why other sources of support are not available or have been exhausted
- Budget justification (1 page max)
 - Identify the items to be funded by this request (e.g. conference travel, ICPSR tuition)

Proposals will be judged on their intellectual merit, contribution to the student's research agenda, and need. The number of requests and PAD budget will also be a consideration in determining awards.

Students receiving PAD research awards are expected to present the eventual research results at a PAD Workshop in the future.