SPGS PhD Student Grant Opportunities

A variety of different competitive funding opportunities are available to doctoral students in the School of Politics and Global Studies. These include Conference Travel Grants, Summer Research Grants, and Methods and Language Training Grants. All funding is contingent on the resources available to SPGS in a given year, and the total number of and amount of grants awarded may vary from year to year. See the descriptions below for additional information.

Graduate Student Conference Travel Grants

Doctoral students in the School of Politics and Global Studies are eligible to apply for conference travel grants in amounts up to $1000. These funds should be used to cover the costs of attending and presenting a research paper or poster at an academic conference. Funds may be used to cover the costs of travel (airfare, vehicle rental, mileage, etc.) lodging, conference registration fees, and similar costs. Students may apply for these funds multiple times per year. However, students may not generally receive more than $1500 in a single year. Students who have not previously received these funds are given priority.

Deadlines: August 15th for travel in fall semester
January 15th for travel in spring or summer semesters

Specific requirements:
* Students must be in good standing in the PhD program.
* Student’s name must appear on the conference program.
* Priority is given to students who provide evidence they are seeking additional external travel funds.
* Students must present their paper or poster to the faculty prior to attending the conference.

Application Materials:
* Application Form (available at https://spgs.asu.edu/graduate-degrees/current-student-resources)
  which should include:
  * An abstract of the paper/poster
  * A budget (all requested information must be provided) with documentation of estimated expenses
  * Approval from the student’s advisor

Graduate Student Summer Research Grants

Doctoral students in the School of Politics and Global Studies are eligible to apply for summer research grants of up to $3000. These grants should be used to cover the costs of research related to the students’ dissertation, including fieldwork, archival research, data collection, or other expenses directly related to the development or completion of the dissertation project. Students are eligible to receive these funds no more than once per year, and students who have not received these funds in the past are given priority. In most years, a maximum of 4 research grants will be awarded. Students may not receive Methods/Language Grants and Summer Research Grants in the same year.

Deadline: January 15th
Specific requirements:
*Students must be in good standing in the PhD program.
*Students must have passed their major and minor field exams before the funds are awarded.
*Priority is given to students who provide evidence they are seeking additional external funds.
*Students must present the results of their research in the semester following the allocation of funds.

Application Materials:
*A brief research proposal of no more than 2 pages
*A detailed budget and budget justification
*A letter of support from the student’s advisor

Graduate Student Methods and Language Training Grants

Doctoral students in the School of Politics and Global Studies are eligible to apply for grants of up to $3000 to pay for additional methods or language training outside of the department. Grants for methods training may be used to cover the costs associated with attending methods workshops or courses (e.g., ICPSR, IQMR, etc.), including registration fees, airfare, and housing. Grants for language training are used to cover costs associated with attending a language training program, including tuition, airfare, and housing. Students applying for grants to cover language programs must demonstrate that knowledge of the language is important for the successful completion of the dissertation project. Additionally, the student must demonstrate that they are unable to acquire the necessary language skills at ASU. Students are typically eligible to receive funds for language training only once during their program of study in SPGS. Students who have not received these funds in the past are given priority. Students may not receive Methods/Language Grants and Summer Research Grants in the same year.

Deadline: January 15th

Specific requirements:
*Students must be in good standing in the PhD program.
*Students must have passed their major and minor field exams before the funds are awarded.
*Priority is given to students who provide evidence they are seeking additional external funds.
*Students must provide a transcript demonstrating successful completion of the program.

Application Materials:
*A brief statement of no more than 2 pages justifying participation in the program
*A detailed budget and budget justification
*A letter of support from the student’s advisor