

2017-18 Travel Policy

We believe that conference attendance and involvement are vital in the growth of scholars and scholarship and want to encourage students to present their work. However, even with ever increasing student interest in conference involvement, our limited resources for funding travel are at the same level they have always been. This means that we are unable to offer students guaranteed funds.

That said, for the first time in history, the College of Arts and Letters in guaranteeing new students \$1500 toward travel to use toward presenting in any capacity at a national conference (ASA, AERA, SSSR, SSHA, Sunbelts, etc.) in the first three years of their graduate program (although we and the college also see the benefit in the smaller, regional conferences, we believe that these opportunities are more fruitful for students later in their graduate training, who are already established in subfield and may be focused on a regional job search). We requested pro-rated amounts for the newer cohorts as well, leaving students who will begin their second year in Fall 2016 \$1000 and those beginning their third year in Fall 2016 \$500 to spend before the Fall semester 2017 begins.

Students who are drawing on these funds, or those exclusively using center or grant funds, DO NOT need to apply for travel money for this coming year. Other students will be awarded funding similarly to years past - as available and based on the criteria below. If you are interested in such funding, you will need to turn in a travel request to Becky when she asks for them later this spring.

Keeping all this in mind, the order that students should apply for funding (Up to \$600 total for the year) is:

1. Use external funds from grants (e.g., NSYR, Science of Generosity, NSF) or organizations (e.g., SSSR Graduate Travel Awards).
2. If eligible, exhaust center (CREO, CSRS, Kroc) or college funds (outlined above) first. Please remember that departmental centers also have graduate student professionalization in mind and tend to have more flexibility with resources and fewer students to fund. If you are eligible for these monies, use them!
3. Draw on department funds. This year we can offer:
 - a. Up to \$600 for presenting (lead/sole) in a panel session at the ASA in Seattle.
 - b. Up to \$500 for another approved national conference (e.g., AERA, SSSR, SSHA, Sunbelts).
 - c. Up to \$400 for presenting (lead/sole) at a roundtable at the above conferences, ancillary conference (e.g., SSSP, ASR), or as a panelist at a regional conference (e.g., ESS, SSS, NCSA, etc.).
 - d. Up to \$250 for attending as a non-presenting co-author or attending the conference under other official business (e.g., to receive an award, use employment service).
4. For additional funds, students should apply to other sources on campus:
 - a. GSU, ISLA, Kellogg, etc. (although the department was asking for students to apply to other sources while (or before) applying to the department, given some funding groups requirement of "exhaustion of other resources," or at least preferences for those without other options, in many cases it makes more sense to have students apply to these alternative sources of funding after receiving department funds).