

Funding Opportunities

Kerwin Doctoral Fellowship

- PhD students in SPA at dissertation stage
- Supports dissertation research that is deemed by the School of Public Affairs faculty and Dean to be of the highest quality and likely to lead to publication in a major peer-reviewed journal or press
- \$10,000
- Eligibility:
 - Successfully completed all comprehensive examinations
 - Have an approved dissertation proposal
 - Be dedicated to a career in university teaching
 - Work on the dissertation as a primary activity during the year of the award
- Selection criteria:
 - Quality of proposed research (about 60%):
 - * Significance of the research
 - * Quality of the research proposal: Is it well-formulated? Does it demonstrate adequate knowledge of related research?
 - * Clarity of methodology: Does it reflect knowledge of appropriate research techniques?
 - * Quality of the presentation: Is the presentation comprehensible to a committee member whose background is in another research area?
 - * Recognition of the limitations of the proposed research
 - Quality of graduate performance and potential (about 30%):
 - * CV
 - * Recommendation from dissertation chair
 - * Superlative academic record as reflected in the student's grades in course work and comprehensive examinations
 - * Likelihood that the dissertation research will produce results worthy of publication in a major refereed journal in the field or university press book
 - Feasibility of contribution (about 10%):
 - * The Committee will evaluate the feasibility of the Dissertation being completed and the degree awarded by the end of the funding period
- **Deadline: 14 June**
- Send to Bob Briggs
- Application:
 - Signed application page
 - Official transcript of academic work done at American University
 - Letter of recommendation sent from the Dissertation Chair directly to Bob Briggs
 - Brief letter addressing your eligibility for the fellowship
 - Proposal
 - * Copy of the title page of the accepted dissertation proposal (with appropriate signatures)

- * Abstract of the proposed research (1 page)
- * Summary of the proposed research (not more than 6 pages, double-spaced):
 - Background – a concise description of the issue or problem to be investigated and its significance
 - Goals and Objectives – including research question(s) and/or hypotheses
 - Methodology
 - Timetable for completion
- * CV (not more than 2 pages) emphasizing professional and scholarly achievements related to the dissertation topic and field of study

Gill Family Foundation Scholarship

- (The stuff below is from the 2018 version, where I applied but didn't get it)
- Only for PhD students in SPA
- Support to a PhD student working on a dissertation in the areas of American Politics, Comparative Politics, Public Administration, or Policy Analysis at AU using quantitative methods
- \$5,500
- **Deadline: should be 16 November 2019**
- Submit to (both addresses): thurber@american.edu, CCPS@american.edu
- Selection committee: TBD
- Application:
 - Letter of interest, highlighting the statistics and methods courses you have taken and your grades in these courses
 - Signed diss proposal that outlines research questions, theories, hypotheses and a detailed research design using quantitative methods
 - Transcript of graduate course work incl. GPA
 - CV