**2019 Summer Initiative Proposal Form**

Department of Political Science

Graduate students are invited to submit proposals to fund research and training projects during the summer of 2019. Eligible activities include but are not limited to conference travel (including the APSA annual meeting), travel to conduct research, purchase of software or data, and tuition for courses or workshops. Projects in the early phases of dissertation research and those leading to publication will get higher priority. Seniority and standing in the graduate program are also considerations. We expect to give multiple awards, ranging from $100 to $3000. Budgets may not include direct salary. Electronic copies of this completed form should be submitted to Nadav Shelef (shelef@wisc.edu) by Monday, March 18. Please limit the application to this one-page form.

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| **Amount requested**: $2945 | **Advisor**: Susan Yackee |
| **One-sentence description**: My dissertation data needs hand coding, and I hope to interview agency and congressional staff and administrative law experts in Washington DC. | |
| **Budget and project rationale**:  1. Hand-coded dissertation data: $1500.  If awarded a grant, I will hire coders through mTurk or UpWork to identify organization names and pro/con positions in documents. At SPSA 2019, I [presented](https://github.com/judgelord/dissertation/blob/master/whyMail-SPSA.pdf) the first [paper](https://github.com/judgelord/dissertation/blob/master/whyMail.pdf) to come out of my dissertation research on public participation in U.S. federal agency policymaking. I have collected 78 million comments on proposed policies. Using text analysis, I have extracted organization names and classified many as supporting or opposing the proposed policy. However, my method did not detect organization names that I know to exist in thousands of key documents. I hope to hire coders to identify these names and code documents as supporting or opposing the proposed policy. In addition to completing the names portion of my dataset, hand-coded support and opposition will help validated my machine-coding method and provide a training set to code the remaining data. Coding the remaining data will help bring this paper to publication quality. A valid training set will need to be at least 3000 documents, most likely costing more than $1500.  2. Interview agency and congressional staff and legal experts at ACUS June 11-14: $995  $395 travel ($320 round trip + $15\*5 days on the metro)  $440 accommodation (88\*5nights)  $160 ($32\*5 days) meals  For my dissertation, I have been interviewing agency and congressional staff charged with receiving public input to identify formal and informal processes by which public comments may influence policymaking. I hope to schedule this trip to DC for June 11-14 to align with a meeting of the Administrative Conference of the United States (ACUS, a group of administrative law experts), which recently published a [report on public participation in agency rulemaking](https://www.acus.gov/research-projects/public-engagement-rulemaking). I hope to attend the plenary portion of their next meeting at Georgetown University and schedule interviews with members of the report’s working group before and after their meeting.  3. SSCC membership. My computational methods requires access to the [linstat](https://www.ssc.wisc.edu/sscc/pubs/linstat.htm) cluster: $450 | |