

Institute for Research in the Social Sciences

Stanford University

March 16, 2010

Gaurav Sood

Political Science Department

Stanford, CA 94305

Dear Gaurav:

We are pleased to award you an IRiSS grant and access to the Alumni Research Experience Panel (A-REP) for your proposal, "Uninformed about the Misinformed? Changing Nature of Political Information in the age of Self-Selection, Blogs, SNL, and Fox.” It is our aim to provide you with a subject pool for the advancement of your research, and at the same time provide meaningful opportunities for Stanford alumni to support and learn more about research at the University.

As discussed, your award will be for $800, to be used for the research-related expenditures outlined in your proposal. With this award come a few, albeit important expectations that we outline below. If any circumstances affect your ability to assume these obligations, please let us know.

Every A-REP researcher must:

* have an approved IRB protocol which notes use of the A-REP pool, prior to launching the experiment.
* Complete a final review of the experiment with the A-REP director, prior to launch.
* agree to submit an abstract (in lay language) that we can share with alumni panel participants at the end of the summer.
* agree to send us a report on the experiment, especially with preliminary or final conclusions, no later than October 15, 2010.
* acknowledge support from the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences and the Stanford Associates (A-REP co-funders) whenever possible, and in particular in all published works.
* provide participation information one week after launching the experiment (specifically, a list of non-responders) so that an reminder email can be sent to those who have not responded; and then final participation information one month after running the experiment.

Your experiment will run once A-REP can guarantee a subject pool large enough to meet or exceed your minimum number of 300 subjects. We expect this to occur in the mid-summer or early fall timeframe. We will keep you apprised of the timing as we work to rebuild the pool.

Please let us know that you are accepting or declining this award by **Wednesday March 24.** To accept the award, simply sign and return the enclosed acknowledgment form accepting the terms outlined in this letter and notifying us of the university account (PTA) to which the funds should be transferred.

I certainly wish to add my personal congratulations and express how much we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact me and I’ll be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely yours,

Tanya Brugh

A-REP Director

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**FY10 A-REP Award Response Form**

**A-REP Researcher:** Gaurav Sood

**Email address:**

**Phone:**

**Your Department:**

**University account (PTA) to which the funding should be transferred:**

I accept the appointment as an A-REP Researcher for the 2009-2010 academic year, and agree to terms described in the letter of March 2010, including the provisions for IRB approval, experiment review, acknowledgement of support and final reporting.

*signature date*