Support for Graduate Student Research and Professional Travel

Departmental and Graduate College Support for Research

The Graduate College/Department of Psychology
The Graduate College allocates funds to the department each year to help support graduate student research. At present, the Department of Psychology supplements this funding to make available the following awards:

- $400 for a Master’s thesis
- $600 for a Ph.D. dissertation
- $250 for a Preliminary Examination

The amount of money that the Graduate College provides for graduate student research and travel support continues to be substantially reduced, as is the Department’s operating budget. Consequently, these research funds are available on a “use it or lose it” basis; there is no carry-over from one project to another. That is, simply because you didn’t request support for your Master’s thesis doesn’t mean that you’ve got an extra $400 to spend on your Prelim.

To apply for research support, fill out a Request for Department Research Funds form and submit the form to your faculty sponsor and the Vice Chair of Graduate Instruction. Requests must be approved prior to any expenditure of funds. Please read the information on the request form carefully for more information about the nature of the expenses covered by these funds. Depending upon the nature of your research, you may be able to obtain support from one of the sources listed below.

Clinical and I/O Academic Challenge Awards (CAC & IOAC)
In addition to support for M.A., Prelim, and Ph.D. research, support for independent research projects may also be available through one of the academic challenge awards grants to our department. Clinical Academic Challenge Funds Request forms may be obtained on the department webpage and submitted to Sue Wax. Requests for I/O Academic Challenge awards should be made directly to the area-head of the I/O program.

Institute for Psychological Research and Application (IPRA)
Support may be available from IPRA for graduate students who have been or are currently working on IPRA projects. Requests for support should be made directly to the Assistant Director of IPRA.

Extramural Research Support

Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research
Competitive awards are given to support scientific research in any field. Priority is given to applicants in the early stage of their scientific careers. Visit Sigma Xi’s website at www.sigmaxi.org for more information.

American Psychological Association and American Psychological Society
Visit the APA website at www.apa.org for more information. APS also supports student research and travel through the APS Student Caucus. Visit the APS website at www.psychologicalscience.org for more information.

Other
Graduate Student Senate (GSS) http://www.bgsu.edu/student-government/graduate-student-senate.html and the Graduate College are good sources to explore, http://www.bgsu.edu/graduate/fellowships-scholarships-and-awards.html. Visit the Graduate College page for information on the Katzner Award. Additional private, institutional, and governmental sources of research support may be available. Our students have received support from the National Institute of Health and the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Contact BGSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPAR) for help in identifying potential sources of support.
Departmental and Graduate College Support for Travel

The Graduate College/Department of Psychology
As it does with research support, the Department of Psychology also supplements the funding available from the Graduate College for travel to professional meetings. Travel support is available in the following, non-negotiable, amount:

- Presenting a research project but not as first author or attending a workshop or training. $200
- Presenting a research project but as a first author or presenting more than one project as a junior author. $300
- Presenting more than one research project as a first author on at least one of those projects. $350

Only one trip will be funded per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Travel Request Authorization forms are located on the department webpage. Completed travel requests should be submitted to Sue Wax. Additional sources of support, both internal and external, are listed below. Requests must be approved prior to traveling. Please read BGSU’s policy on travel reimbursement at [http://www.bgsu.edu/finance-and-administration/controller.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/finance-and-administration/controller.html) prior to traveling.

Academic Challenge & IPRA
Support for professional travel may be available through Clinical Academic Challenge, I/O Academic Challenge, or IPRA. Requests for Academic Challenge funds should be made by completing the Travel Request Authorization form located on the department webpage. Requests for support from IPRA should be made directly to the Assistant Director of IPRA.

Diversity Fund
Support for travel may be available through the Diversity Fund for conferences or workshops that are focused on diversity issues. Monies are awarded by the Diversity Committee, and the amount of the award varies. Students are typically required to share or disseminate the information that is learned from the conference to the department. Requests should be made by completing the Travel Request Authorization form located on the department webpage.

Psychological Services Center
Support may be available for clinical psychology graduate students who are attending conferences or workshops that contribute to clinical training. Support may be requested for travel and registration expenses. Requests should be made by completing the Travel Request Authorization form located on the department webpage.

Department of Psychology webpage:
[http://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/psychology.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/psychology.html)