

Support for Graduate Student Research and Professional Travel

Departmental and Graduate College Support for Research

The Graduate College/Department of Psychology

The Graduate College gives money to the department each year to help support graduate student research and travel. Their guidelines state that up to \$150 is available for supporting research being done for a Master's thesis and up to \$350 is available for a Ph.D. dissertation; the Graduate College does not support Preliminary Examination research. At present, the Department of Psychology is able to take funds from its operating budget to supplement the Graduate College allocation by \$250 at each level, raising the total research support available to:

- \$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 has been substantially reduced from previous years' levels, as has 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

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 in the main office and submitted to the Director of Clinical Training. 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

APA sponsors two programs supporting dissertation research: APA Dissertation Research Awards (\$1,000-\$5000) and the APF/Todd W. Husted Memorial Award (\$2,000). Visit the APA website at www.apa.org for more information. APS also support student research and travel through the APS Student Caucus. Visit the APS website at www.psychologicalscience.org for more information.

Other

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 (SPAR) for help in identifying potential sources of support.

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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:

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| ▪ Presenting a research project but not as first author | \$200 |
| ▪ Presenting a research project but as a first author <u>or</u> 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 |

The department does not provide travel support for conference attendees who are not presenting research; some of the local sources of funding listed below may do otherwise.

Only one trip will be funded per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). *Travel Request Authorization* forms are available in the main office. Completed travel requests should be submitted to Sue Thornton. Additional sources of support, both internal and external, are listed below. Requests must be approved prior to any expenditure of funds. Please read BGSU's policy on travel reimbursement at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/business/page22084.html> prior to traveling.

Academic Challenge & IPRA

Support for professional travel may be available through Clinical Academic Challenge, I/O Academic Challenge, or IPRA. *Clinical Academic Challenge Student Travel Funds Request* forms may be obtained in the main office and submitted to Sue Thornton. Requests for I/O Academic Challenge awards should be made directly to the area head of the I/O program. 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. The *Request for Diversity Funds* form is located in the main office. Completed request form should be submitted directly to the Diversity Committee.

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. Please complete the *Request for PSC Travel Funds* form located in the main office and submit it to the Director of the Psychological Services Center.

APA and APS

Both APA and APS award travel grants to students who are presenting research at their respective conferences. Visit their websites at www.apa.org and www.psychologicalscience.org for more information.