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 Graduate/Undergraduate Student Request for Department Research Funds form and submit it to, suewax@bgsu.edu. Requests must be approved prior to any expenditure of funds. Please read the request form carefully for more information about the types 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 or I-O Area Funding
In addition to support for masters, prelim, and dissertation research, support for independent research projects may also be available through the Clinical or Industrial-Organizational Psychology program areas. Clinical Funds Request forms may be obtained on the department web-page and submitted to suewax@bgsu.edu. Requests for I-O funding should be made directly to the area-head of the I/O program (there is not a form).

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 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). Graduate students are eligible for funding through June 30 of their fourth year. Travel Request Authorization forms are located on the department web-page. Completed travel requests should be submitted to Sue Wax no less than 14 days prior to travel. 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 prior to traveling.

Clinical, I-O, IPRA

Support for professional travel may be available through the Clinical or Industrial-Organizational Psychology program areas, or IPRA. Clinical area graduate students are eligible for funding through June 30 or their fourth year. Requests for funds should be made by completing the Travel Request Authorization form located on the department web-page. 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. All graduate students, regardless of area of study are eligible for funding. Graduate students are eligible for funding through June 30 or their fourth year. 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 web-page.

Psychological Services Center

Support may be available for clinical psychology graduate students who are attending conferences or workshops that contribute to clinical training. Clinical area graduate students must be working in the PSC at the time of funding. Requests should be made by completing the Travel Request Authorization form located on the department web-page.

Center for Neuroscience, Mind & Behavior

Support for travel to professional conferences may be available to Neuroscience graduate students. Contact Dr. Verner Bingman, vbingma@bgsu.edu, for eligibility and application information.

Department of Psychology web-page:
https://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/psychology.html