

Call for Applications

Summer 2009 Competitive Research and Travel Funds

The application deadline is 10:00 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009.

RSTC graduate students may apply for any amount up to \$2,000 from the Summer 2009 Competitive Research and Travel Funds. The award is intended to support research and travel expenses for students who have been chosen competitively to attend a summer workshop or conference or to support dissertation research (especially visits to archives or other research sites essential to dissertation research). The award is *not* intended to support routine participation in academic conferences during the academic year.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Graduate Studies Award Committee. Include the amount requested, a statement of degree progress, and an explanation of how the award will further progress toward degree completion. The request should include a budget that reflects how the money will be used and a brief, supporting memo from the advisor.

Application Materials:

1. Letter of application (limited to one page)
2. Budget for requested funds (limited to one page)
3. Letter of support from the advisor (limited to one page)
4. Copy of current transcript (unofficial is fine)
5. A list of current and previous scholarships and fellowships and summer funding that you've received from our department, the Graduate School, or the College or University since joining the RSTC graduate program

Selection Criteria:

1. The importance of the travel/research to degree completion
2. Timely progress to degree – preference will be given to students who are within 6 months of taking their exams and students who have recently completed their preliminary exams.
3. A clearly articulated research plan

Applications should be submitted electronically by 10:00 a.m. April 20, 2009, to Mary Wrobel, Programs Coordinator, Wrobe005@umn.edu.

Students will be notified of the Award Committee's decision in early May. All award recipients will be required to provide a report on the use of the funds at the end of the summer.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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