

GRADUATE COLLEGE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SPRING 2011

The Graduate College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

A Variety of Opportunities is Available

- Focal Point
- SPI/SROP/Campus Visits
- Conference Travel/Emergency Grants
- GradLinks
- Graduate College Fellowships

Focal Point

Fostering Interdisciplinary Research



A Graduate College Initiative



FOCAL POINT – an initiative of The Graduate College

Fostering interdisciplinary research and opportunities for the graduate community at Illinois

Past Projects 2009-2010

Global Patterns
of Sustainable Consumption

InfoStructure:
Intersections Between Social
and Technological Systems

Incarceration in America: Exploring
Carceral Landscapes

Law and Society in China
(1800s-present)

Social Interaction and
Communicative Competence:
Integrating Theory
and Clinical Practice

Science, Technology
and Security: New Institutions
to Manage Global Security
in the 21st Century

Race and Campus Climate
at the University of Illinois Research
Seminar

Focal Point facilitates the formation of intellectual communities made up of faculty and graduate students across campus in order to address topics of critical human need. Whether focused on increasing challenges in global health and engineering, global economic and social issues, or the challenges of understanding and communicating in an increasingly complex world, solutions require multiple disciplines and innovative thinking.



New Projects 2010-2011

The Built Environment
and Human Health

iRISE:
Illinois Researchers in Partnership
with K-12 Science Educators

Speech Production Research
Education Initiative

Water for Life:
Addressing a 21st Century Crisis

Public Histories of Social Struggles
Against Inequality and "Downstate"
Landscapes

Race, Region,
and Sexual Diasporas

Reinventing East Asia:
The Global Political Economy
of Information

Objectives

- Advance knowledge in areas of critical national and human need
- Promote interdisciplinary inquiry and collaborative problem solving
- Give graduate students the opportunity to be actively involved in formulating and shaping the scope of a large research problem

Benefits for Graduate Education

- Support development of new courses / programs or advancement of ongoing activities
- Initiate seed activities for development of grant proposals for extramural funding
- Provide a vehicle to design graduate education elements that complement campus research initiatives
- Disseminate new knowledge via Graduate College symposia, workshops, exhibits (real or virtual), performances, musical recordings, or other campus events
- Create opportunities to advance pedagogy and practices in graduate education

Proposals can be led by faculty or graduate students but must include at least two academic units on campus. Participating students may earn up to 3 hours of independent study/special project research credit. For details:

www.grad.illinois.edu/focal-point-feature



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Benefits for Graduate Education at Illinois



- To support development of new courses / programs or advancement of ongoing activities
- To initiate seed activities for development of grant proposals for extramural funding
- To provide a vehicle to design graduate education elements complementing campus research initiatives (e.g., energy, sustainability, climate change, etc.)
- To disseminate new knowledge via Graduate College symposia, workshops, exhibits (real or virtual), performances, musical recordings, or other campus events

Program Requirement and Logistics



- 🌐 Requests involve 2 academic units or more and activities can include up to \$12,000/year (\$15,000 if program culminates with a campus wide event).
- 🌐 Projects begin in August and activities span at least two semesters or one calendar year.
- 🌐 Can be faculty led or graduate student led, but at least two faculty and two student organizers must take responsibility for overall program design.
- 🌐 This year we will allocate extra support for strength in international collaboration and domestic diversity.

During the year:

- Groups meet once a week, in general, but no less than twice a month.
- Participating students may earn up to 3 hours of independent study/special project research credit.
- Each group must create and maintain a Web site, linked to the Graduate College Website.
- Involvement of industry partners or community organizations, if appropriate, is welcome.

URL to website
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Thank you



Educational Equity Programs Office

- SPI
- SROP
- Campus Visits

Conference Travel Awards

Deadlines for Spring 2011 Competition

Deadline for students to get applications to departments: February 21

Deadline for departments to get applications to the Graduate College: February 28

Description

The Graduate College will provide awards, not to exceed \$300, for students to travel to professional conferences. These Conference Travel Awards are intended to support students who will be **presenting papers, posters, or creative work** at the conferences they attend. Conference Travel Awards are supported by Students for Equal Access to Learning (SEAL) fees.

Eligibility Requirements

Following are the requirements for consideration of an application:

The student must be registered and in good academic standing during the term the award is received. A student is eligible to receive only one Conference Travel Award per academic year.

The number of applications that may be submitted is based on 10th day department enrollment numbers. Please see the following table for information on how many awards your department will be eligible to receive.

Unit Size	Max number of Awards
1-25	1
26-75	2
76-100	3
101-200	4
200+	5

*Please note that departments are encouraged to give their students support but it is not required for the acceptance of their application.

For students to apply for a conference travel award, please fill out the application form at <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/policies/travelgrant/app.pdf>

Graduate Student Emergency Grants

SEAL emergency financial aid grants to graduate students range from \$35.00 to \$500.00, and are intended to help relieve an acute, unexpected problem. Emergency grants are extremely limited and may not always be available.

Eligibility

Applicant must be a registered graduate degree candidate from the Urbana-Champaign campus who is considered by his/her department to be a full-time student.

Domestic applicants must have first applied for a short term loan with the Office of Student Financial Aid before they would be eligible for an emergency grant.

The Graduate College will take into account both financial need and the applicant's efforts to resolve the problem.

Applications are available in 204 Coble Hall.

NOTE: Emergency Grants are funded by the Student Equal Access to Learning (SEAL) Fund. Students have the option of obtaining a refund of their SEAL fee during the seventh week of the semester. A graduate student who obtains a refund of his/her SEAL fee is NOT eligible to receive a grant from the Emergency Financial Aid Program during the term in which the refund is issued. **No student will be awarded more than one emergency grant per 12-month period.**

GradLinks

- <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/pubs/gradlinks>

Fellowship Office

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Proposal Review

- Need review by Graduate College if
 - Graduate student fellowship
 - Stipend paid through campus
 - Tuition/fee funds provided in award
- 24 hours to review
- What's needed
 - Proposal Transmittal Form
 - Program guidelines
 - Budget and budget narrative
 - Tuition figures if applicable

Federal Work Study

- Subsidizes salary for eligible students
- Jointly administered with OSFA
- Annual letter
- General information posted at <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/policies/fwsassist>

Graduate College Spring 2011 Competitions – Recruiting Fellowships

- Illinois Distinguished Rd 2
 - February 16 deadline
- Graduate College Fellowship Rd 2
 - February 21 deadline
- Nordberg
 - March 11 deadline

Awards for Current Students

- Dissertation Travel Grant
- Masters Travel Grant
 - March 9 deadline
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 - April 5 deadline

Refer to *Fellowship Opportunities* for specifics