The College of Arts and Sciences
Competitive 2018 Graduate Student Travel Grants

This competitive grant program will provide 2018 summer research travel funding for approximately 20 graduate students in the arts, humanities, social and natural sciences. Designed to strengthen the University of Delaware’s core values and strategic goals, including graduate education, globalization, and community engagement, this program is co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the Office of Graduate and Professional Education (OGPE) and generously funded by the Unidel Foundation.

This grant program will provide up to $5,000 in research funding to advanced graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences (Master’s and Doctoral students). These awards will cover travel (national and international), visas, housing, supplies, and reasonable food expenses (not to exceed published per diem rates*). Research experiences are designed primarily for summer 2018, but can take place between June 2018 and May 2019 as needed.

Recipients of these awards will be exemplary student scholars who have a demonstrated interest in public engagement and outreach. Successful candidates will be expected to attend a half-day workshop on public scholarship sponsored by the Office of Graduate and Professional Education (date to be determined). Five students will be selected annually to share their experiences with the Delaware Diamonds or others as part of a high-profile public program highlighting the excitement and significance of graduate research at UD.

Drop-in informational sessions will be held on Tuesday, 2/6, 1-1:45pm; and Friday, 2/16, 9-9:45am (Conference room at 164 S. College). Queries can also be sent to Lauren H. Petersen (Interim Associate Dean for the Humanities) at LHP@udel.edu.

The program is administered by the Dean’s Office in the College of Arts and Sciences. Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF (Items 1-4) to Cheri Q. Jones: CQJONES@udel.edu by March 1, 2018 and include the following:

1. Cover page listing name, department, degree status, and contact information.
2. A 400-word (max.) project description, work plan, and rationale that clearly articulates (1) the project narrative (2) why this project is significant, and (3) how the work plan proposed is appropriate for the project goals. Address what deliverables will be completed at the conclusion of this grant. This may include a publishable paper, public or professional presentation, progress on a thesis, exhibition, performance, or dissertation, or enhanced global partnerships. Where needed, ensure that all human subjects’ research protocols are followed and that IRB permission has or will be secured.
3. A detailed budget and budget narrative outlining the timeframe, costs anticipated, funds requested, and departmental and/or personal commitments where applicable. If requesting funds for airfare, please provide two quotes for air travel from web sites or travel agencies.

4. Two-page resume.

5. Recommendation from the applicant’s faculty advisor or department/program chair or director attesting to the applicant’s progress, promise, and suitability for this competitive award. The letter of recommendation should be sent separately to Cheri Q. Jones at: CQJONES@udel.edu

Awards will be announced by March 16, 2018.

Students will be required to submit a report – due October 1, 2018 or within two months of project completion - detailing their accomplishments and challenges to their faculty advisor, graduate director or department chairperson. Students must also prepare a brief and engaging story with great images for the CAS and/or OGPE websites.

* Link to per diem rates for food and incidentals: https://aoprals.state.gov/web920/per_diem.asp (international travel); https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates (domestic travel)