The Department of Political Science invites applications for the 2016-17 undergraduate research grant for students majoring in political science. The purpose of this award is to encourage qualified students who are potentially interested in graduate work in political science to undertake a research project under the direction of a faculty member. The research project should use original research to address an important question in the study of politics.

The grant will be in the amount of up to $500 to facilitate completion of the project. Grant funds can be used for any expenses related to the project, including travel to present results at a professional meeting, required software, or other expenses. The student will work under the direction of a political science faculty member on a research project defined by the student. Course credit through POL 495 will be available during the 2016-2017 school year when the research is to be carried out.

Eligibility for the Undergraduate Research Grant:
- Applicants must be Political Science majors
- 3.0 minimum Grade Point Average

Applicants should submit the following:
- A cover sheet including student contact information (email and mailing address) and faculty member that is supervising the project (name and signature).
- A research proposal outlining the project, goals, research design, and importance (approximately 3-5 pages)
- A statement of applicant's career objectives (approximately 2-3 paragraphs).
- Transcript of grades
- A brief budget of expected research expenses to be covered by the award
- The winner will provide an electronic copy of the final paper to the supervising professor at the end of the semester of supervised research.

Applications should be submitted to the address below no later than Friday, April 15, 2016.

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If you would like assistance in finding an appropriate faculty member with whom to work, contact one of our Political Science Advisors, Coleen Williams or Carol Randel in the Liberal Arts Advising Office; or visit the web site for any Political Science professor at: http://www.cla.purdue.edu/polsci/directory/index.aspx.

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