2015 Dunn Peace Research Scholarship

One award of $3,000 available to U of M students

Deadline: Noon, March 13, 2015

The J. W. G. Dunn, Jr., Scholarship for Foreign Research on International Peace was developed to provide an annual award for a University of Minnesota student to pursue research abroad dealing with issues of direct relevance to international peace.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be full-time degree-seeking University of Minnesota undergraduate or graduate students.
- The proposed research must be relevant to issues of international peace.

Examples of past research proposals that have been considered appropriate include:

“The Role of Civilian Initiatives in Building Local Capacities for Peace”
“The Children of Cypriot Refugees and the Meaning of their Occupied Homes”
“The Role of the Korean Mass Media in Building Peace in the Korean Peninsula”
“Significance of Borders in the East African Integration”

- The proposed project must require research outside of the United States. Projects that could be completed successfully using resources at the University of Minnesota or elsewhere in the United States will not be funded. Travel to countries on the U.S. State Department travel warning list requires approval from the University of Minnesota International Travel Risk Assessment and Advisory Committee.
- Research may be for the Ph.D. dissertation, a master’s thesis, a Plan B master’s paper, an honor thesis, or an independent study project. Applications will be judged by standards appropriate to each student’s level.
- The foreign phase of the research must begin by June 30, 2015.

Student Reports

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a copy of the final paper, or in certain cases, a progress report, to the Institute for Global Studies.

Final papers or progress reports of past recipients of the Dunn Peace Research Scholarship are on file in the Institute for Global Studies.
Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged by standards appropriate to each student’s level. The selection committee will award the scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposed research to an issue or issues of international peace and the necessity of a foreign phase of the research
- Quality of the research proposal
- Feasibility of the research design in relation to:
  - The time allocation for completion
  - The resources available to the student both at the University of Minnesota and at the site of overseas study
  - The applicant’s ability to carry out the proposed research (e.g., language skills, relevant course work)
- The applicant’s knowledge of the subject of the proposed research and of the concepts and methods of the relevant academic disciplines
- The applicant’s past academic performance
- Faculty adviser’s letter

Medical Insurance

While abroad, all Dunn Peace Research Scholarship recipients must have University of Minnesota Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) purchased through the GPS Alliance, http://global.umn.edu/travel/insurance/outgoing.html. The cost is approximately $30.00 per month. Students purchasing CISI will have their student account billed.

Application Procedures

Application Deadline: Noon, March 13, 2015

Submit your complete application electronically to:

igs@umn.edu (Subject: Dunn Peace)

A complete application consists of the following:

- Application form (please type or write legibly)
- Description of research project (see next section)
- Description of research preparation and qualifications
- U of M transcript (student copy acceptable)
- Resume
- Faculty adviser’s recommendation
Description of Research Project

The description of your research project should not exceed two single-spaced pages and should include the following:

(1) name of the project
(2) question or questions you will address
(3) significance of research
(4) methods and resources you will use
(5) any clearances you may need (such as U of M human subjects or foreign government approval)
(6) necessity of going abroad for your research
(7) relevance of your project to issues of international peace

Description of Research Preparation & Qualifications

The description of your research preparation should not exceed two single-spaced pages and should include the following:

(1) the language(s) other than English that will be required for your research, evidence of your level of proficiency in this language, deficiencies in language skills
(2) the nature and extent of background reading, coursework, or research you have already done or plan to do before departure that relate to your subject and to the countries in which you will do your research
(3) previous experience abroad
(4) other non-academic experiences or background that have helped you prepare for this project

Student Agreement

This agreement, to be signed and submitted to IGS is on the application form.

I certify that all statements made on this application are complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I will submit to the Institute for Global Studies within two months of my return from overseas research, either:

(1) a copy of the final product produced as a result of the research described in this application or
(2) a typed progress report of five to ten double-spaced pages. (This option is only available to those students whose final product will not be completed within two months after return when it is a part of either a master’s or Ph.D. thesis.) This progress report must include a brief description of the overseas research, an outline of the preliminary results, and a description of the most important insights that have been gained as a result of the experience.

Contact

Questions about the Dunn Peace Research Scholarship should be referred to Evelyn Davidheiser at Institute for Global Studies, (612) 624-9007, or igs@umn.edu.

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