

Washington State University, Department of Sociology

Graduate Student Awards Application

The Sociology Department at Washington State University awards more than ten Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards each year to recognize or foster outstanding graduate student research, instruction, and other achievements. Graduate student research is funded by the Dissertation Award, the Morgan Fellowship, and the Yoder Fellowship. These grants provide funds for data-gathering projects and to conduct field and archival research that might not otherwise be possible. The James F. Short Research Award recognizes exemplary graduate student research. Excellence in graduate student instruction is conferred by the DeMartini Teaching Award; teaching excellence is fostered by a DeMartini Grant for travel to attend teaching-related workshops and conference sessions. Other awards encourage diversity of backgrounds and interests, fund travel to present research, and otherwise support graduate student scholarship.

Instructions: Applications for all awards (except the Depew scholarship, which has a rolling application deadline and its' own application form) are due by the first Monday of March. Applicants should complete the following form and attach all supporting documents in a single electronic file and send to byersbro@wsu.edu (applicants for the DeMartini Teaching Award should submit a teaching portfolio in hard-copy form). Make sure to write "Sociology scholarship application" in the subject line. Awardees are recognized at the annual Spring Banquet. For a detailed description of awards, see <http://libarts.wsu.edu/soc/scholarships/index.html>.

Contact and General Information

1. Name

2. E-mail address

3. Check each of the activities that you have completed:
 - Submitted a program of study
 - Successfully completed a masters thesis
 - Passed CWEs

4. How many semesters have you been enrolled in the program?

5. Provide three references, one of whom must be your major advisor. Clearly indicate who that is:

6. List your major areas of research interest:

7. Attach a professional vita. Be sure to list dates and amounts for all previous awards.

8. Indicate the award(s) for which you are applying and complete the required documentation.

Research (including the Dissertation Grant; Minority Student Fellowship; Morgan Fellowship; and Yoder Fellowship). Complete form A.

Wardwell Alumni Award for Graduate Students. Write a brief essay (500 words or less) describing your interest in studying demography or pursuing a career in demography or population studies. Please include any relevant coursework or independent study you've undertaken, and attach a copy of at least one academic paper related to demography, if possible.

James F. Short, Jr. Research Award. Attach a scholarly paper and brief justification of award merit. Note: the Short award is not necessarily awarded every year.

DeMartini Teaching Award. Attach a letter of (self)nomination and completed teaching portfolio (see the awards website for details about what should be included in a teaching portfolio)

DeMartini Travel Grant. Attach a completed Travel Budget (Form B) and a concise description justifying the use of travel funds (500 words max). Include a brief summary of how travel activities will enhance teaching skills. Indicate any expected benefits of travel to the student or the department.

Susan & Sarah Dolan Memorial Scholarship. Typically awarded to undergraduate students, but open to graduate student applications. Attach a summary indicating how you fit grant guidelines. Applicants must demonstrate strong academic performance, a commitment to a career and volunteer activities in the area of sociology or social work, and most importantly a sincere desire to love and care for people.

Form A: This form must be completed if you are applying for a research or special interest award (other than the Short Research Award)

1. Research Summary: In a clear and concise statement of no more than one single-spaced page (12pt font, 1 inch margins), describe the research you will pursue. Be sure to indicate why the research is interesting and/or important, the intended research design and why it is appropriate, and the relationship of the research to relevant scientific literatures and your overall research agenda.

2. Budget

Expense Category	Description	Amount
Travel		
Equipment		
Materials and Supplies		
Publication Costs/ Documentation		
Computer Services		
Personnel Expenses		
Other (describe)		
Total		

3. Budget Narrative: Provide a brief narrative justifying your use of fellowship funds.

4. If you would like to be considered for the dissertation improvement grant you must attach a letter of recommendation from your major advisor (can be sent under separate cover).

Form B: Travel Budget

Travel Means:

Estimated Expenses:

Expense	Amount	Description/Comments
Transportation		
Lodging		
Meals		
Registration		
Other		
Total		