

JERE BRUNER RESEARCH GRANT GUIDELINES

The Jere Bruner Research Grant in Politics was established in 2000 with gifts from Oberlin College alumni and friends in honor of Jere Bruner, Emeritus Professor of Politics. Dr. Bruner served the College from 1967 to 1997, pursuing rigorous empirical research on such *socially relevant issues as public opinion, political parties, interest groups, and the connection between race and politics*. The grant encourages and supports rigorous empirical research on political topics by Oberlin students. Empirical research includes any use of systematically gathered evidence or data (not necessarily quantitative) to answer a politically relevant question. Grants will be awarded with priority to fields close to the kinds of interests that Jere Bruner pursued (*see above*.)

- The collected and utilized data may be on any area or aspect of politics, not just American politics.
- Collaborative research projects among students and between students and faculty members are permissible if students are collaborators--not research assistants.
- The research project may be carried out in pursuit of research for honors theses or private readings in the semester following the project.
- No academic credit will be awarded for these projects.
- Each grantee will work under the supervision of a member of the Politics Department.
- The grants are open to students enrolled at OC for at least 2 semesters and who intend to remain for at least one additional semester beyond the project.
- Upon completion of the research project, recipients will provide a written summary (1-2 pages) of how the grant was used and how it impacted their research.

BUDGET

- An itemized budget and explanation of funds being requested must be included with the grant application. The grant will generally cover expenses associated with the research project that would not have otherwise been incurred.
- All expenses must be documented and accompanied by receipts upon the completion of the project.

FUNDING

Items that may be funded

The grant may be used to offset research and data collection expenses such as fees and transportation:

- airfare, baggage fees, rail tickets, highway tolls
- lodging
- library fees, entry fees to museums, research facilities, research sites, access to data sets
- survey expense i.e. Lucid, Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey
- transcription, photocopying, scanning fees

Items that may NOT be funded

The grant cannot be used to purchase anything tangible:

- books, subscriptions, computer software or equipment
- office supplies i.e. printer cartridges, reams of paper
- food

IRB Research projects involving the use of human subjects must adhere to the College's policies regarding the use of human subjects as determined by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). IRB approval does not need to be included with the application but must be received before any research involving human subjects can begin or funding can be awarded.