

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS

These grants are meant to support research in the area of international studies, which is broadly defined but generally focused in the areas of: foreign policy, security, international political economy, trade, political and economic development, international organizations and non-governmental organizations, multinational corporations and other transnational entities, and germane areas of cultural studies. Preference is given to students presenting their papers or participating in beyond observer capacity an academic conference.

GUIDELINES

Research support will be awarded in-line with the following principles:

- Preference will be given to students presenting papers or participating in a conference as more than an observer.
- Projects having no other funding source are particularly encouraged. When other funding sources can be identified, shared costs or matching funds will be encouraged whenever possible.
- Each project must have a faculty advisor from the student's academic institution.
- Funds may be requested to support research during the academic year or during the summer. Normally awards will not be granted in excess of \$500 per student, though exceptional projects will be considered.
- Examples of what may appropriately be requested in a budget include: *research supplies, travel, internet fees (including cloud storage), computer equipment (hardware and software)*. Salaries, benefits, and overhead are not to be included.
- Exclusions: duplicating, printing, binding or photocopying (with the exception of on-site archival photocopying), book purchases must be pre-approved and listed in the application, economy travel only (no business class or first class travel or hotel arrangements).

UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS

For students currently pursuing an undergraduate degree, proposals should take the following form:

1. **Completed application form** (see Appendix).
2. **Abstract** (half page; no longer than 100 words).
3. **Objectives and methodology** (500 words maximum):

- state the objectives and relevance of the proposed work;
 - explanation of how the research supports thesis or other relevant research in international studies (or international relations);
 - describe the design and procedures to be employed and provide a timetable and implementation plan for completion of the project;
 - if the work is to have practical application, describe the impact and usefulness.
4. **Budget** (500 words maximum). List each budget item in order of priority and justify in terms of the work proposed. (In a few instances, travel may be an appropriate use of funds if warranted by the project.)
 5. **Faculty Endorsement.** The faculty advisor must endorse the proposal and their willingness to supervise the research certifying the feasibility of the project and the adequacy of the student's preparation to undertake it by signing the Application Form. Please provide us with his / her contact information. While a letter of recommendation might bolster one's application, it is **optional**.

GRADUATE APPLICATIONS

For individuals who have been inducted into SIR during their undergraduate careers, and have since undertaken postgraduate studies, the following criteria apply:

1. **Completed application form.**
2. **Abstract (half page; no longer than 100 words).**
3. **Objectives and methodology** (500 words maximum):
 - state the objectives and relevance of the proposed work;
 - explanation of how the research supports thesis or other relevant research in international studies (or international relations);
 - describe the design and procedures to be employed and provide a timetable and implementation plan for completion of the project;
 - if the work is to have practical application, describe the impact and usefulness.
4. **Budget** (500 words maximum). List each budget item in order of priority and justify in terms of the work proposed. (In a few instances, travel may be an appropriate use of funds if warranted by the project.)

5. **Student status.** You will need to be enrolled in an accredited university, pursuing a postgraduate degree. This can be validated via an official transcript, or in writing from the university registrar or your faculty adviser. Sending this via email is acceptable, so long as it is an institutional address.

6. **Faculty Endorsement.** The faculty advisor must endorse the proposal and their willingness to supervise the research certifying the feasibility of the project and the adequacy of the student's preparation to undertake it by signing the Application Form. So that SIR can confirm this independently, you will need to provide the organization with his / her contact information. While a letter of recommendation might bolster one's application, it is **optional**.

ETHICS APPROVAL

Research involving [animal](#) or [human subjects](#) or [hazardous materials](#) must clear the parent institution's research board and be submitted along with the application to the SIR National Office. Students should consult with their advisors to correctly complete these forms.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

An original, hard copy of the proposal must be submitted to the SIR National Office. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. An electronic version is required as well, which can be submitted to our email address: national@sigmaiota.org. By accepting the award, grant recipients give permission to SIR to publish the product of his / her work on the SIR journal's website: <http://www.sirjournal.org/>. Authorship of the work will be duly credited to the applicant.