

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department of Criminology, Law and Society offers a competitive summer funding opportunity to promote doctoral student training, research, and professional development. All doctoral students are invited to apply for a CLS Doctoral Student Summer Scholarship, which will support a variety of student activities including attendance at methodological training programs, data collection or travel expenses for dissertation research or other independent research projects, workshop or conference attendance for the purposes of professional development, and tuition assistance for required course work over the summer. On occasion, MA students may also be allowed to apply for summer scholarships.

Students who are actively engaged in research over the summer may apply for summer funding. The research can be their own research or research conducted with a mason faculty member. Examples of relevant training programs include statistical techniques, survey methodology, GIS, qualitative research, and training on a specific dataset or type of software (see links below for more ideas). Application for summer stipends are allowed, so long as the student is engaged in research activities.

This is a competitive award process; scholarships are not guaranteed upon application, and scholarship amounts will vary depending on the proposal submitted. The selection committee may award full or partial support for a proposal based on budgetary considerations and the merits of the proposal. Ideally, activities being funded should occur during the summer of the award period, but those that take place over a longer time frame will be considered. Preference will be given to proposals that are unlikely to receive financial support from other sources.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must submit an application via email to the Director of Graduate Programs and the Graduate Program Coordinator. Applications are typically due in early-to-mid May. The Director of Graduate Programs will send notification via email to notify graduate students of the application deadline and other important details. For full consideration, students must submit a completed Summer Scholarship Application form and all other requirements by the associated deadline. All materials should be submitted together in one file.

1. 1-2 page proposal detailing the total amount of the funding requested, purpose of the funding, and how the scholarship will enhance the student's professional development, research progress, and/or address a financial need
2. A copy of a current Curriculum Vitae
3. Budget to include estimated cost of summer expenses

International Students:

International students with tax liability will have the tax amount deducted from their scholarship payment. Therefore, international students need to carefully plan and budget the additional amount for taxes into their proposal so they will receive the net amount they are requesting. Please contact the International Tax Office – (703) 993-2969 – to determine if you are liable for

taxes. If you ARE liable for international tax, please factor this into your budget as this amount will automatically be deducted from your funding.

EXAMPLE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BUDGET:

14% international tax rate

\$3,000	stipend for research
420	Tax amount (14% x \$3,000)

\$3,420 Total amount requested (list this at the top of this form)

AWARD CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the proposal, the importance of the proposed activity to student development, and demonstrated need. Students typically receive notification of their award via email around mid-May. Please contact the Director of Graduate Programs with any questions.

EXAMPLES OF WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

The following is a brief list of *example* workshops, trainings and short courses that may be of interest. Students should seek out other opportunities relevant to their needs and interests and are encouraged to talk with faculty for advice and suggestions.

- ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
<https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/sumprog/schedule.html>
- MPlus Short Course
<https://www.statmodel.com/courses2.shtml>
- Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques
<http://si.isr.umich.edu/>
- Society for Empirical Legal Studies, Workshop
<http://www.law.northwestern.edu/research-faculty/conferences/causalinference/>
- Statistical Horizons/Paul Allison Seminars
<http://www.statisticalhorizons.com/seminars/public-seminars>

PAYMENTS

Summer Scholarships will be distributed as a one-time cash payment, are submitted by the Graduate Program Coordinator and then processed by many departments at Mason. To ensure timely and efficient processing of payments, students should ensure they have enabled direct deposit for the following payment types: Student Accounts, Accounts Payable, and Payroll. Additional information about these departments' processes can be found on their respective websites, linked below (and on the application form). Additional details about the payment process will be provided to those who receive an award.

- [Student Accounts](#)
- [Accounts Payable](#)
- [Payroll](#)