

Political Science Undergraduate Research Fund

The Political Science Undergraduate Research Fund is a resource sponsored by the Department of Political Science for undergraduate students at Rice University with an interest in politics, policy, and political science. The department will consider requests from students for small grants to cover expenses associated with a professionally enriching activity related to politics, policy, and political science. This may include registration fees, travel, or room/board for a conference or workshop, research costs (e.g., to conduct fieldwork or run a survey/experiment), special internship activities, etc. Grant amounts can vary but are likely to be in the range of \$100 to \$500. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

To apply, students must:

- 1) Submit a 1-2 page letter of request that describes the activity, explains why it is important to the student's political science-related professional development, and describe the specific expenses associated with the activity.
- 2) Submit a transcript
- 3) Include the name of a political science professor who can serve as a reference and can speak to a) the student's quality, and b) the value of the activity.

Upon completion of the activity, students must:

- 1) Provide a 1-2 page report that explains how the money was spent and how the activity contributed to their professional development as a political scientist.
- 2) Provide a list of expenses and receipts to support them.

1. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Leslie Schwindt-Bayer (schwindt@rice.edu).