

Call for Proposals

The Council of Economics Graduate Students (CEGS) is proud to announce the availability of \$1,500 of research and general use funds for Vanderbilt economics Ph.D. students for Spring 2009.

RULES

1. This program supports research expenses (such as submission fees, software purchases, and data purchases) for Economics Ph.D. students.
2. The deadline for submission of proposals is 5 PM, Friday, April 3, 2009. A hard copy of the proposal should be submitted to **Susan Beyler**. In unusual circumstances and contingent upon the availability of funds, the Council of Economic Graduate Students may also welcome applications later in the semester.
3. The minimum request to be considered is \$100 and the maximum is \$1,000. There is no minimum request for journal submission fees.
4. A three-member review panel, made up of CEGS officers and non-CEGS officers, will review the requests submitted and make recommendations to the DGS. The DGS and the Vice-Chair make the final decisions.
5. Any student who submits a proposal will not be eligible to sit on the review panel.
6. If the award supports individual or group research, grant recipient(s) will be expected to present the results of this research at a Graduate Student Tea within the semester following the disbursement of funds.
7. If the applicant uses 100% of the funds to buy a physical resource such as a data set or reference manuals, the item will stay with the department, subject to copyright considerations. If the resource is only partially funded, the student will have the option of either donating it to the department or of maintaining ownership after its use. However, students should be aware that our profession's protocol concerning data is that other scholars should be able to replicate one's results. After a reasonable amount of time economic researchers are expected to make their data and programs available to other scholars, subject to copyright restrictions.
8. CEGS will only consider travel grant applications for yearly expenses in excess of those covered by the Graduate School, since the graduate school provides conference presenters with a maximum award of \$500/year for domestic travel and \$1000/ 2 years for an international meeting.
9. Applying for and/or receiving funds from other sources (department, college, government awards) will NOT disqualify an applicant from consideration. However, the application should include a list of any other funds applied for and/or received towards the same request.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSAL

The proposal should include all of the following that is appropriate to your application:

- Describe the design of the research and what results you hope to achieve.
- Document how the award will further your research program.
- Include a proposed itemized budget. This should include any other project sources of funding that you currently have and/or funds for which you are planning on applying.
- If you are writing a research grant, your proposal must include a signed statement from a faculty member stating, "I have reviewed this proposal and found it to be a high-quality proposal that will benefit the student's research agenda."

- If you are strictly asking for journal submission funds, the body of the proposal should include the abstract of the paper, the titles of the journals to which it will be or has been submitted, and a signed statement from a faculty member stating “This is a reasonable paper to send to these journals and has a good chance at publication and/or submission of this paper could provide valuable referee comments.”
- The application will consist of three pages: a cover page with the applicant’s name and contact information, a second page containing the body of the proposal, and a third page outlining the budget. These proposals will be evaluated anonymously, so at no place on the second or third page should you put your name or any indication of who you are. However, if there are mitigating circumstances that the committee should consider in reviewing your application (such as an impending dissertation defense, journal submission and/or graduation date), please make the committee aware of this as anonymously as you can.
- The application should not be longer than the three pages described above. Questions can be addressed to any CEGS member. Good luck!