

Attention Maxwell Doctoral Students:

Call for Proposals

Bharati Memorial/South Asia Center Summer Research Grants for Doctoral Students

The South Asia Center announces a competition for the summer of 2009 (or AY 2008-09) for grants leading to doctoral dissertation research. Students in PhD programs in the Maxwell School are eligible. Students in other programs may apply, and we will fund if other funding becomes available. We are especially interested in supporting pre-dissertation research, although short-term dissertation research can be supported. We anticipate awarding 1-5 grants for 2009. Only projects concerning South Asia are eligible. Previous recipients of this or other grants awarded through the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs are eligible, but not top priority.

Grants will range from \$500 to a maximum of \$1500.

(You may apply for more than one summer grant from the Moynihan Institute, but you will not receive more than one in a given year. That includes the following: Goekjian, Bharati/South Asia, Yabroudi/MES, and PLACA. Other types of support that could exclude you from receiving a summer research grant include summer FLAS, summer de Sardon-Glass support, and any other summer support from the Moynihan Institute. Awards are ranked separately, so if your proposal is accepted by more than one committee, you will be awarded the better opportunity. If you win an award this year, you may apply for this or another award next year. The only summer research grant that you cannot receive twice is the Goekjian Award.)

DEADLINE: Monday, February 23, 2009

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Part 1.

Personal Information.

The application process is online this year. The online application form will be available for submission of your proposal on February 10, 2009 at the following URL:

<https://survey.maxwell.syr.edu/Survey.aspx?s=db29d284e2c04d83b44a3b5e74300dc8>

The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status, contact information, outstanding award applications and preliminary information about your project.

Part 2.

The Proposal.

Create your proposal as a word document and upload it to the online application.

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Doctoral Dissertation Status.

Provide a brief summary of your progress and current status in your doctoral program (course work completed, research focus, faculty supervisor; dissertation committee).

Pages 2-3.

Research Description.

Please describe the research for which you are seeking funds. Your proposal text must be **no longer than 500 words**. Briefly describe your subject, locate your work and potential contributions in the most important relevant scholarship; outline your proposed methods and state why they fit your topic. A list

of references may add a page to the 500 words of text. **Proposals exceeding the 500 word limit will not be considered.**

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Budget.

Please provide a detailed budget. Categories may include stipends, living expenses (either in Syracuse or elsewhere while doing research), travel, per diems, survey design and administration, book/data/software purchases, research fees, and so on. Equipment is not eligible for inclusion in the budget. Our anticipation is that awards will be around \$1000 - \$1500 per proposal.

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Other Support.

Please provide details on other research support that you have received for this and related research this summer (if you have no other research support, say so explicitly). Finally, please list the other applications that you have made for research support from summer 2009 through summer 2010 (e.g., FLAS, etc.).

Part 3.

Vita. Upload your Curriculum Vitae to the online application. Your contact information (mail, tel., email), should appear there.

Part 4.

Endorsement.

Please arrange for one letter of endorsement, focused on the research you propose, from a current Syracuse University faculty advisor. Include the person's name in your proposal, and ask that person to send his/her letter as a pdf via their university email account to ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu. In the online application you will be asked to identify this person and they will receive an email requesting the letter upon submission of your application.

After applying you should receive a notice indicating that your application was successful.

OTHER DETAILS:

Proposals will be read by a faculty committee. The committee will rank the proposals according to their research promise, consistency with the goals indicated in these guidelines, and cost effectiveness. Notices will be sent by email on March 20, 2009.

Our Expectations: This program aims to encourage and facilitate the study of South Asia among doctoral students in Maxwell. We expect all recipients of South Asia summer research funds to provide a 150-word Abstract of their completed research to be posted on the South Asia Center website. We strongly encourage recipients to present their research in the South Asia seminar series or other relevant forums in 2009 - 2010. Awardees should make significant efforts to publish a paper based on their funded research.

For More Information: Contact Susan Wadley, Director, South Asia Center sswadley@syr.edu

Anticipated Questions:

- Q. I've never written a proposal like this before; where do I learn the fundamentals?
- A. There are several good places to start. One is the proposal preparation section of SU's own Office of Sponsored Programs. See also "On the Art of Writing Proposals", from the Social Science Research Council at http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/art_of_writing_proposals.page. **Also, there will be a proposal writing workshop in 341 Eggers Hall at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.**
- Q. Must I have reached dissertator status to apply?
- A. No, though it is helpful to have reached the stage where you are sorting out research ideas and methods, in preparation for doing a dissertation proposal; the academic-year seminars are aimed at dissertators; but otherwise all you need is a good idea and appropriate methods for doctoral-quality research.
- Q. What if the research for which I receive the award doesn't "work out"?
- A. You'd be surprised how often that happens to even seasoned-veteran researchers. In all cases, there is always something to learn. A paper and seminar participation would still be expected; the paper would address how and why what appeared a good research plan didn't work as anticipated. Its audience would be fellow Maxwell doctoral students.