CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The John H. Thompson and Jesse Burkhead Economics and Geography Program Fund

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A Maxwell School alumnus has generously provided a gift to support research and teaching at the intersection of economics and geography. Support will be split equally between the departments of Economics and Geography and the Environment. Funded activity will include:

- Each department will host and cross-promote one speaker event likely to draw interest from both departments.

- Each department will issue small grants to undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty with priority given to projects that have the potential to bridge the disciplines. Grants can be used as stipends or to cover research expenses.

Expense allocations and timelines may be adjusted to accommodate special circumstances with approval from both chairs and the Dean.

Interested students and faculty should submit proposals as described below.
Guidelines

**Undergraduate student grants**

- Four $2,500 grants will be issued to undergraduate students in each department.
- Research grants will support projects during the academic year and/or during the summer.
- To be eligible for a research grant, the student must be majoring in either Geography and the Environment or in Economics. In addition:
  - Proposals must identify a faculty member in the student’s primary department who will serve as a mentor for the project.
  - The student must have already taken, or plan to take in the coming academic year, at least one economics course and at least one course in geography. Exceptions will be considered if the student’s project will be co-supervised by a faculty member in the department in which the student is not majoring.
  - Projects can include work developed as part of a for-credit course or experience credit.
  - In Economics, the proposed research must include analysis of spatial patterns in data and/or analyze urban or regional economic issues. In Geography and the Environment, the proposed research should focus on economic geography and/or political economy.
- To apply, students should email a one-page research proposal to their department with Thompson-Burkhead proposal as the subject. Proposals should be received by **October 26, 2020** to ensure full consideration.
  - Geography and the Environment: Submit proposals to the department DUS, Professor Peng Gao at pegao@maxwell.syr.edu.
  - Economics: Submit proposals to Emily O’Brien in the economics department office at eobrie08@maxwell.syr.edu.

**Graduate student grants**

- Three $3,000 grants will be issued to PhD students in each department.
- Research grants will support work during the summer months.
- To be eligible for a grant, applicants must be PhD students in good standing in the department to which they are applying for support.
- Proposals should have support of the student’s primary faculty mentor.
- In Economics, the proposed research should include analysis of spatial patterns in data, or focus on urban or regional economic issues. In Geography and the Environment, the proposed research should focus on economic geography, political economy, and/or urban and regional economic processes.
- To apply, students should email a one- to two-page research proposal to their department with Thompson-Burkhead proposal as the subject. Proposals should be received by **March 15, 2021** to ensure full consideration.
Faculty Research Grants

- One $5,000 grant will be issued to a faculty member in each department.
- Research grants will support work during the summer months.
- The proposed research should include spatial analysis of data with a focus on economic geography, political economy, and/or urban and regional economic processes.
- Proposals should indicate whether a student (undergraduate or graduate) will assist with the proposed research. Including a student assistant will strengthen the proposal.
- The faculty award can be used to provide summer money for the faculty member, fund a graduate or undergraduate student, or purchase data, software or equipment. Faculty are welcome to combine this funding with other funding sources including student grants described above.
- Faculty at all ranks are welcome to apply. In the case of multiple proposals of comparable quality, preference will be given to pre-tenure faculty.
- To apply, faculty should submit a one- to two-page proposal to their department chair. Proposals should be submitted by March 15, 2021 to ensure full consideration.