Department of Sociology
Spring 2019 Undergraduate Research Grant Competition

Applications are due by 5:00 pm EST on Friday March 1, 2019.

In May 2019, the Department of Sociology (SOC) will award up to three (3) grants to fund research performed by undergraduate students under the mentorship of Sociology faculty members. Each grant includes:
- a $1,000 stipend dispensed at the beginning of the summer session and
- up to $500 in research support (e.g., for gathering and analyzing data, supplies, and other resources) that will be released to the Sociology faculty mentor upon receipt of an approved budget.

Within one month of the end of the summer session, grant recipients and their faculty mentors are required to submit a brief report summarizing their results and assessing their learning.

Eligibility: To be eligible to receive an Undergraduate Research Grant, a student must:
- be a current major or minor in sociology;
- have at least a 2.50 cumulative grade point average;
- work under the mentorship of a Sociology faculty member; and
- commit to present the results of their funded project the following April at the next
  - University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF); and
  - Sociology Annual Research Symposium.

Evaluation Criteria: The selection committee will evaluate each student's undergraduate research grant proposal using the following criteria:
- scientific merit of the proposed research;
- feasibility of the proposed research given time, personnel, and resource constraints; and
- relevance of the proposed research to the student's proposed graduate program and/or career field.

Applicants' proposals should clearly and fully address each of these criteria.

Undergraduate Research Grant Online Application
https://bit.ly/2DXAzdR

Application Procedure: SOC will only evaluate complete proposals. The student must gather the files identified below and upload them while completing the online application, which is located at **https://bit.ly/2DXAzdR**. A complete proposal includes:
- a completed online application;
- a 2-page project proposal in which you clearly discuss:
  - your specific research objective(s);
  - the scientific merit of the proposed research;
  - the feasibility of the proposed research; and
  - the relevance of the proposed research to your professional development goals;

- a 1/2 page budget that identifies and justifies what resources or materials you need to conduct your proposed project; and
- a brief letter of support from the Sociology faculty member who will be mentoring you.

Grant Requirements: Grant recipients are required to do the following:
- submit a brief report summarizing their results and assessing their learning within one month of the end of the summer session;
- acknowledge this grant in any oral or poster presentations (i.e., "This research was funded by a Department of Sociology Undergraduate Research Grant."); and
- present the results of their funded project the following April at the next
  - University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF); and
  - Sociology Annual Research Symposium.

We strongly recommend that grant recipients consider:
- presenting their work at a regional academic conference, such as for the
  - Michigan Sociological Association;
  - Midwest Sociological Society; or
  - North Central Sociological Association; and/or
- submitting a manuscript on their study in a peer-reviewed undergraduate research journal, e.g.,
  - *Michigan Sociological Review*;
  - *Eleven: The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology*;
  - *ReCUR*;
  - *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*;
  - *Journal of Undergraduate Research*;
  - *International Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities*; or
  - *Inquiries Journal: Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities*.