**POLITICAL SCIENCE GC ALUM COMMITTEE PAY IT FORWARD AWARDS**

**The Political Science GC Alum Committee is now accepting applications for small grants to support research related activities and resources. Funding is generously provided by alum via the Pay It Forward fund.**

**Awards of up to $250 will be granted to current Ph.D. or M.A. students in the GC Political Science Department for conference travel, conference registration, research materials (books and reports), and research costs (access to databases and software, statistics). Priority will be given to conference funding, but graduate students may apply for research related costs. Research related funding should be used during the 2021 research season extending from June 1- December 31, 2021.**

***The 2021 grants are generously supported by graduates of the Political Science Department at the CUNY Graduate Center.***

**To apply, graduate students must submit:**

* **Application Cover Sheet**
* **Research Statement (no more than 500 words)**
* **A current Curriculum Vitae**
* **The research statement should include a clear, concise description of the event, including what the student intends to do there, why the event is the best venue for the activity, and why the travel is relevant to the student’s research and/or professional development.**
* **Grantees will be required to submit an exit survey with receipts immediately upon purchase of materials or access or proof of attendance within two weeks of an event. If awardees are able to provide photographs of participation that they are willing to have published in conjunction with information about the award program, this support is welcome.**

**The following factors will be considered when ranking candidates for grants:**

* ***Conference Participation***

**Reviewers will consider the level of the student’s participation in the selected event. Students presenting at a conference will have priority over students participating in workshops, performing service, and/or attending as observers. Workshop participants will have priority over students performing conference service (e.g., panel chair, discussant, section meetings, etc.) and/or attending as observers. And students who are serving in a service role will have priority over observers.**

* ***Scholarship***

**Reviewers will consider the connection between the student’s research interests and the topic/themes of the workshop or conference. Students who can demonstrate a strong connection between the topic/theme of the event will have priority over students with weaker ties.**

* ***Professional Development***

**Reviewers will consider the importance of this event for the student’s professional development. Students currently on or set to be on the job market in the next six months will have priority over students at earlier stages.**

**Deadline: Applications must be received by April 15, 2021 to** [**GCPSalum@gmail.com**](mailto:GCPSalum@gmail.com)**.**

**Notifications will occur on May 15. Awardees will be asked to accept funding by June 1.**

**Political Science GC Alumni Pay It Forward Award**

**APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

**SPRING 2021**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Current Level:**

**Expected Level at Time of Event:**

**Expected date (month/year) of the award of your degree:**

**EVENT INFORMATION :**

**Name, Location and Organizers of the Event to be attended (please include a URL for the event, if available):**

**Expected costs for event participation (e.g., registration fees, travel, etc.):**

***If you are giving a presentation, also include:***

* **Title of panel and paper or poster:**
* **Type of presentation (paper, co-authored paper, poster, or roundtable):**

***If you are participating in a workshop, also include:***

* **Title of workshop :**
* **Workshop details (e.g., name of organizers, location, relevant participants, etc.):**

**RESEARCH MATERIALS OR ACCESS INFORMATION:**

**Title, Location or Sponsors of Research materials (please include a link to the database, book or materials)**

***If you are applying for funds for research access or materials please state briefly the connection between the access or material and your research:***