

Attention Junior Scholars, Doctoral Students, Doctoral Advisors

**The Paul A. Volcker Endowment for Public Service
Research and Education
Junior Scholar Research Grant Program**

2007 Call for Proposals

Application Deadline: March 15, 2007

Note: Applications accepted no earlier than February 1, 2007

Scope of the Grant Award

The Section for Public Administration of the American Political Science Association (APSA) invites applications and research proposals from junior scholars researching public administration issues affecting governance in the United States and abroad. Proposals will be judged on their potential to shed new light on important public administration questions, their scholarly and methodological rigor, and their promise for advancing practice and theory development. Individual grants are not renewable. As a part of the APSA Centennial Campaign, support from the Volcker Endowment can, but need not, involve research residencies at the Centennial Center in Washington. Recipients may conduct research on issues affecting or relevant to public administration at any level (or levels) of government, in any nation (or across nations), and from whatever locale is most useful or appropriate for their research purposes.

Application Materials

Proposals must address all items under the scope of the award and must be done in triplicate or sent electronically. Proposals are limited to five (5) single-spaced pages and must:

- State the purpose of the project
- State how the project contributes to scholarship within public administration and its applicability for practice and theory development
- State how the project relates to previous research and theoretical developments
- Specify research design
- Provide an itemized budget and budget justification
- Specify any additional financial support that the applicant is already receiving or anticipates receiving

In addition, each proposal also must include (in excess of the five-page written proposal):

- A cover letter summarizing project title, qualifications for successfully completing the project, and professional status (doctoral student working on dissertation or untenured assistant professor)
- An abstract of the proposal (maximum 150 words)

- A letter attesting to the quality of the research project (typically from a doctoral student's dissertation advisor or a junior faculty member's department chair)
- A curriculum vitae (no more than three pages)

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus and tenure-track assistant professors. Applicants must be APSA members at the time of application. Membership in the Section for Public Administration is not required, but can be one of a variety of factors that the Volcker Awards Committee considers in making awards.

Funding Process and Purposes

Grants will be awarded annually by a three-person Volcker Awards Committee. The number, size of grants, and allocation of grants (to doctoral students and tenure-track assistant professors) awarded annually will be up to the Volcker Awards Committee. Initially, grants are expected to range between \$2,000 and \$3,000. Funds may be used for such research activities as: travel to archives; travel to conduct interviews; administration and coding of survey instruments; research assistance; and purchase of datasets. This list is merely illustrative, but specifically excluded from funding are: travel to professional meetings; secretarial costs except for preparation of the final manuscripts for publication; and salary support.

Submission

Proposals sent electronically (preferred) should be emailed to grants@apsanet.org. Otherwise, three (3) hard copies of the total proposal package should be submitted to:

**Paul A. Volcker Endowment for Public Administration Research and Education
Junior Scholar Research Grant Program
c/o American Political Science Association
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Washington, DC 20036-1206**

For further information call APSA, send email to the Grants office at grants@apsanet.org, or contact Robert Durant (Chair), Volcker Junior Scholar Awards Committee, (durant@american.edu).