

Professional Development Support Call for Proposals

Department of Communication & Journalism
Texas A & M University

Overview

The professional development program is designed to assist graduate students in the Department of Communication & Journalism with the expenses related to their development as professionals. Students often incur expenses for attending short courses/seminars/workshops during the summer or between long semesters at another institution, intensive language courses to develop research skills, and/or professional conference presentations. This program is intended to defray expenses related high-impact opportunities with the expectation that doing so will aid in the student's development as scholar, researcher, teacher, and/or professional. As such priority will be given to opportunities that go beyond presentation of research at a professional conference.

Support will be awarded on a competitive basis. The committee will consider funding requests of up to **\$2,000** for professional development related expenses. **Funds must be spent August 1.** Requests for research expenses (including travel) will not be considered. Students may submit multiple proposals for different opportunities.

All proposal materials should be submitted as one pdf file via email to Silvia Martinez (smartinez1@tamu.edu) by Nov. 1. (Round 1) or April 1 (Round 2) @ 12:00 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered.

Eligibility

Any degree-seeking graduate student in the Department of Communication and Journalism who is:

- (1) either enrolled as a full-time student, holds a CMJR graduate assistantship, or who is a full-time employee at Texas A&M University.
- (2) in good standing and making adequate progress toward degree.

Application Requirements

Proposals should contain: (1) a one-page narrative that describes the opportunity and its significance to the applicant's research program and/or career aspirations, (2) an itemized budget, and (3) CV (not to exceed 3 pages).

Review Criteria

The department seeks to fund activities that will produce significant results for a student's development as an academic professional and/or will enhance a student's job prospects.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Significance and reputation of the program and/or development opportunity.
- Necessity of the activity for the student's professional development.
- Qualifications of the student to participate in the activity.
- Professional presentation, completeness, and clarity of submitted application.