

Sociology Graduate Student Travel Committee

Funding Caps, 2009-2010

Below are the general guidelines by which the Sociology Graduate Student Travel Committee appropriates travel funding for students:

Priority	Conference Type	Funding Caps
I	National and International Conferences	Up to \$850
II	Specialty Conferences	Up to \$750
III	Competitive Workshops	Up to \$500
IV	Non-Competitive Conferences/Workshops	Up to \$250
V	Small Block Grants	Up to \$150

Things to Keep in Mind:

- **Funding caps are considered *maximum* amounts and may change depending on budgetary constraints.**
- Due to budgetary constraints **graduate students who have passed their fifth year in the program** (if they entered with a bachelor's degree) **or fourth year** (if they entered with a master's degree), have a personal limit of \$600 per year. However, if additional funds are available exceptions may be made. This will begin after ASA 2009.
- **Job Market Candidates** are students who are actively on the job market, seeking employment. All Job Market Candidates are eligible to receive funding support to attend one conference during their graduate studies career when they are on the job market, at which they are not a presenter. This is designed to provide these students with the opportunity to network with other professionals in order to secure a job.

Definitions:

- National and International conferences are defined as *conferences geared specifically towards Sociology and Demography* and include ASA, PAA, IUSSP, and ISA.
- Specialty conferences are defined as *conferences that are focused on a specific specialty area within Sociology and/or Demography*. Some examples of specialty conferences include American Association for Public Opinion Research; American Association of Social and Political Scientists; Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture; American Educational Research

Association; Association for Public Policy and Management; American Society of Criminology; East-West Center's International Graduate Student Conference; Gerontological Society of America; National Conference on Family Relations; RAND Summer Institute; RC28 International Conference Annual Mtg; Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; Urban Affairs Association; and Unite for Sight--Mapping Global Inequality.

- Competitive workshops are defined as *any workshop focused on either discipline-specific (i.e., Sociology or Demography) or specialty areas within these disciplines that **includes** a competitive application process*. Workshops differ from conferences in that they provide primarily a training opportunity for students, as opposed to conferences which provide a forum to present research and receive feedback. Some examples include select ICPSR summer workshops (through the University of Michigan) and NLSY data workshops (through Ohio State).
- Non-competitive workshops/conferences are *defined as any workshop or conference focused on either discipline-specific (i.e., Sociology or Demography) or specialty areas within these disciplines that **do not include** a competitive application process*. Some examples include Eastern Sociological Society meetings and the Families and Health conference.
- Small block grants are offered for students who are not on the program of a national, international, or specialty conference, but are interested in attending for further training and/or networking opportunities. These are distributed on a competitive basis each year (see the Small Block Grant available on the student travel webpage for more information).