For a complete list of opportunities offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as by external sources, please see: http://www.american.edu/cas/research/student/index.cfm

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL

Provost Student Travel: Undergraduate students presenting their work at conferences may apply for funds to partially defray the costs of registration and travel. The awards are $300 for regional conferences, $500 for national conferences, and $800 for international conferences. Applications may be submitted as early as six months in advance of the conference and as late as two weeks before. The conference dates determine the period for which the application will be considered. Funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis across these periods – Spring: January 16 – April 30, Summer: May 1 – August 5 and Fall: October 15 – January 15. Please see http://www.american.edu/provost/undergrad/travel-grants.cfm for details.

CAS Student Travel: College of Arts and Science’s students who are giving papers or presenting research at scholarly conferences may request up to $300 or up to $500 for undergraduate and graduate students, respectively, from the College to help defray the expense of attending the conference. Undergraduate students must apply to the Provost student travel opportunity above before applying for CAS funding. All funding requests must use the application form available at: http://www.american.edu/cas/research/student/upload/student-conference-travel-app.pdf

Both graduate and undergraduate requests will be considered on a rolling basis; there is no single deadline. Requests for undergraduate travel should be sent to Celine-Marie Pascale (pascale@american.edu) and requests for Graduate student travel should be sent to UJ Sofia (ujsofia1@gmail.com).

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

College Graduate Student Research Support (often referred to as student Mellons): Graduate students may compete for funding of up to $1000 per academic year from the College in two categories:

1. To support funding for research materials, data collection and/or field work necessary for the successful completion of a thesis or dissertation, and
2. To fund international travel for thesis or dissertation research.

Student awardees are required to present their results at the Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference in the spring. Students who previously received funding from this program must include in their proposals a description of how those funds were used.

There will be separate rounds of graduate student research awards in the fall and spring semesters. Departments with restricted accounts for student research will be expected to provide matching support. Applications for the fall and spring competition will be due to the Associate Dean of Research in October and April, respectively. Calls for proposals will come out approximately 4 weeks before the application due dates. All proposals will be reviewed by the EPC Research Committee.
University Doctoral Student Research Awards: The Office of the Provost provides competitive intramural research grants to doctoral students to support their dissertation research. The awards are managed by the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Research. Awards are available to doctoral graduate students who

• have been admitted to candidacy for the doctorate before the grant period begins. (In some departments, admission to candidacy may be spoken of as “ABD - “All But Dissertation.” If you have questions about this requirement, check with your department.)
• have an approved dissertation proposal, and
• have an active dissertation chair and committee.

The activity may occur anywhere in the world. The grants are intended to provide supplemental funds to support basic research, fieldwork, lab work, or closely related endeavors. The awards may be for up to $5,000. The funding period for the award is from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018. Applications will likely be due in March 2017 (the Provost’s Office has not released the application date at the time of this writing).

Please see http://www.american.edu/provost/grad/internal-funding.cfm for more details about applying for this opportunity.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT

Buell Scholarship. The primary goal of the award is to provide students with the opportunity to cultivate skills by working collaboratively with faculty on a scholarly or creative project. Awards are given during the academic year and may begin at the start of fall or spring semesters. The award carries a $1,500 stipend per semester for the student, up to $500 for research related expenses (e.g., materials, transportation, field work) needed by the student for the completion of the project. The scholarship supports scholarly and artistic training related to a specific project during the academic year that falls outside of AU credit hours. Students may not receive independent study, independent reading, or internship credit for participating in this activity funded by this award. However, the scholarly activity might become part of a senior capstone project. The work to be completed during this grant may be spread over one or two semesters. The faculty mentor will be awarded $250 per semester; funds may be paid directly or added to their CAS research expense account. Please note all faculty mentors must be a full-time faculty during the time of the award and may only supervise one award-winning student per year. Please see http://www.american.edu/cas/research/student/upload/AY-2016-17-Scholarship-Award.pdf for updates about this year’s competition. Applications will be due in late spring for work in the following academic year.

College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Summer Fellowships support student-initiated scholarship and creative activities completed under the direction of faculty mentors. Fellowships include a stipend of $4000 for the student and up to $500 for research related expenses (e.g., materials, transportation, field work) needed by the student for the completion of the project. Faculty will provide mentorship over the summer to help a student develop, execute and analyze an original scholarly or artistic project. The faculty mentor may be paid a $500 stipend directly or may choose to have the funds added to their CAS research expense account. Please note that faculty may only supervise one award-winning student per summer. Awardees must be majors in the College of Arts & Sciences and faculty mentors must be full-time CAS faculty during the period of the award. Students are required to work full-time on their scholarship for a designated period of eight weeks in the summer. The $4,000 award is expected to cover living expenses during this time. Any summer session courses taken by a student must fall outside the eight weeks identified as their scholarship period. Please see http://www.american.edu/cas/research/student/upload/2016-Summer-Scholarship-Award.pdf for updates to this year’s competition. Applications will be due at the start of the Spring semester.

AU Scholars and Artists Fellowships are offered through the Provost’s Office. These fellowships provide $4000 for undergraduates to conduct full-time research that leads to significant scholarly or creative work. Fellows work closely with faculty mentors in ways that enhance faculty research or creativity. Faculty mentors receive a $1,000 stipend to guide students through their research apprenticeship. Fellows are required to work full-time on their research for a designated period of eight weeks in the summer. Please check http://www.american.edu/provost/undergrad/summer-fellows-application-info.cfm for updates about this year’s program and application guidelines. Applications are usually due at the start of the Spring semester.