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THESIS FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2013

The Office of Career Services website has a large database of available research grants. Please visit funding.fas.harvard.edu. Sign in using your pin, and choose research and senior thesis for purposes of activity, class year, and area of interest.

Harvard University CARAT (Centralized Application Research and Travel tool) – <https://asperin.fas.harvard.edu/carat/>

Below are funding sources that may be of particular interest to Sociology thesis writers.

Udall Scholarships are available for sophomores and juniors interested in the environment. Also for Native American and Alaska Native students with particular career interests. College nomination is required in this competition. Harvard may nominate up to a total of six sophomores and/or juniors for the program's scholarship categories. See page the program's web site at: <http://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/MKUScholarship/MKUScholarship.aspx>.

Deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 12 noon

Harvard College Research Program provides reimbursement for travel expenses OR research related expenses, such as transcription fees and data sets. Website:

<http://www.seo.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k59221&pageid=icb.page264147>

Deadlines: September 21, 2011; February 1, 2012; March 28, 2012

Booth Fund Fellowships are for undergraduate summer study or research. Current Harvard juniors and seniors are eligible, and the fellowship may be used to support projects in the U.S. or overseas. The number and amount of individual awards will vary each year according to available funds and project budgets. Awards will likely be approximately \$4,000 each in support of a summer or semester project. Students should note that the preference is for non-academic credit projects, and the selection committee will have to make sure that the majority of grants go to non-academic credit type projects. But thesis writer can apply; the proposal must be particularly compelling.

Deadline: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 12 noon.

David Rockefeller Summer Research Travel Grants offers travel grants to continuing Harvard undergraduates engaged in senior honors thesis research requiring travel to Latin America, the Caribbean, or other appropriate sites for research on Latino communities. The average grant is just over \$1000 per recipient. Contact drstud@fas for details or visit http://www.drclas.harvard.edu/students/grants/summer_research

Deadline: February 17, 2012

Roux Global Health Travel Grants support summer projects overseas that are clearly related to global health issues or concerns. Grants do not ordinarily exceed \$5,000 and are intended for individuals, not groups. Undergraduates who will be returning to Harvard in the fall are eligible; financial need is not a selection criterion. Applications will be available in the Fellowships Office at OCS at the beginning of the spring semester.

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Dean's Summer Research Awards are designed to give rising seniors who receive financial aid the opportunity to devote the summer to thesis research. Funds are distributed as a credit on a student's fall term bill. The award is up to \$1,000. If a student will only be on campus for one semester the following year, the maximum amount the student can receive from a Dean's Summer Research Award is \$500.

Deadline: March 28, 2012

DRCLAS Term-Time Research Travel Grants are given to students completing the final stages of their research. Contact drstud@fas for details or visit www.drclas.harvard.edu/undergrads/grants

Deadline: Likely October 2012. Contact the student services associate, Yadira Rivera at yrivera@fas.harvard.edu to confirm.

The Department of Sociology has a modest amount of support money available each year for senior thesis writers. Mainly it is for use in research (library searches, copy work, etc.) and postal expenses, as well as -- more limited -- datasets and travel. This money is meant to support tasks important to the thesis process which would otherwise not get done or cause financial hardship. Requests must be made via email to Laura Thomas (ltthomas@wjh). Funds are limited, and requests cannot exceed \$200.

Deadline: TDB

Real Estate Academic Initiative's central mission is to provide funding for interdisciplinary and interfaculty research efforts to improve the study and practice of real estate both domestically and abroad. We cultivate research projects that engage Harvard faculty and students from a wide range of disciplines in conversations about the future of cities and those investing in them. We also support the development of high-quality hands-on experiences for Harvard students studying real estate. Student work from studio courses and other projects will be available periodically on this site. Visit <http://www.reai.harvard.edu/research/main#gradug>.

Deadline: All members of the Harvard community are welcome to apply for research funding throughout the academic year. Grants will be made in November, February, and April of each year.

CAPS Seed Grants are available to juniors and seniors who are conducting research on modern (post-Civil War) American politics and who are being advised by or taking a class with a member of the CAPS executive committee. The maximum value of the grant is \$250. To apply for a CAPS undergraduate seed grant, send an email to the CAPS Administrator, Lilia Halpern-Smith, at lhalpern@gov. The email should briefly describe your project and provide a budget detailing the research-related expenses for which you need support. Your email applicant will be circulated to a small committee of CAPS faculty, and a decision will be made quickly, usually within a matter of days. Visit

<http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k40327&tabgroupid=icb.tabgroup56446>.

Deadline: There is no application deadline. Students may apply any time during the year.

The **Center for European Studies** offers Summer Travel Grants for undergraduates writing theses on political, historical, economic, social, cultural and intellectual trends in Europe since 1750. The Center funds research in Western and Central Europe. Grants must be used for research abroad during the summer break. http://www.ces.fas.harvard.edu/grants/descriptions_ug.html
Completed grant applications will be accepted on **February 17, 2012, between the hours of 10am and 3pm** in CGIS South, Room S030, 1730 Cambridge Street. Students must apply via the Harvard University Common Application for Research and Travel (CARAT).

Fairbank Center Undergraduate Summer Research Grants These grants support undergraduate research during the summer in China or Taiwan. Preference will be given to students whose research is directly related to a senior honors thesis. Grants will not exceed \$3,000. Recipients are required to submit a brief report on their work over the summer. Website: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~fairbank/undergraduate.html>

Deadline: February 17, 2012

Fung Foundation Scholarships for Summer Research, Study, and Work in China (with the Office of International Programs) These grants for undergraduates of up to \$5,000 (\$6,000 for language) may be used for senior thesis research, language study, internships, and public service work in China over the summer. Recipients become Fung Scholars and are expected to participate in related events. Recipients are required to submit a brief report on their work over the summer. (Address: 1730 Cambridge Street, Tel.: 496-6273, Website: www.fas.harvard.edu/~asiactrl/)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

The **Center for International Development** offers travel grants for thesis research in international development. (Website: <http://www.cid.harvard.edu/cidstudents/opportunities.html>)

The **Korea Institute** offers summer travel grants to undergraduates in the social sciences and humanities fields who wish to do research in Korea for a senior honors thesis. This research must be conducted in Korea during the summer. (Address: 1730 Cambridge Street, Rm S228, Tel.: 496-2141, Website: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~korea/>)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

The **Center for Middle Eastern Studies** awards a number of travel grants annually to Morocco, Israel, and other Middle Eastern countries. Summer travel and research grants are available for juniors to aid in work on theses pertaining to the country to which they wish to travel. (Address: 38 Kirkland St., Tel.: 495-4055, Website: <http://cmes.hmdc.harvard.edu/>)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

The **Carol K. Pforzheimer Student Fellowships** support undergraduate research based in the support of a wide range of undergraduate research proposals utilizing the special resources of the Schlesinger Library and the Radcliffe College Archives. Particularly suitable for students interested in gender issues and the history of women in America. (Address: Schlesinger Library, Tel.: 495-8647, Website: http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/pforzheimer_grant.aspx)

The **Institute of Politics** offers Summer Research awards each year to Harvard undergraduates for field work contributing to senior theses. These grants provide financial aid during the summer months to encourage direct observation of political and governmental processes within the United States. The Institute also awards a number of summer internship stipends to students whose financial needs would otherwise prohibit accepting a public sector internship. (Address: 79 John F. Kennedy Street, Tel.: 495-1360, Website: <http://www.iop.harvard.edu/>)

Deadline: March 30, 2012

The **Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and the Henry Rosovsky Fund** award several summer travel grants for Harvard undergraduates in the humanities or social sciences for research and/or field work in Japan, relating directly to a senior honors thesis in an area of Japanese studies. Applicants must usually have completed at least two years of Japanese language study (Address: 1730 Cambridge Street, Tel.: 495- 3220, Website:

<http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~rijs/fellowships/undergrad.html>)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

The **Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies** offers summer research travel grants to Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Iberian peninsula for senior thesis research on related topics. Such grants typically cover airfare, and may sometimes cover some additional expenses. (Address: 1730 Cambridge Street, Tel.: 495-3366, Website: <http://www.drclas.harvard.edu/>)

Deadline: February 17, 2012

The **Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies** offers research travel grants to undergraduates writing senior theses on a topic in Russian or Eurasian studies. Each spring they host an Undergraduate Colloquium, where seniors present their thesis work. (Address: 1730 Cambridge Street, Tel.: 495-4037, Website: <http://daviscenter.fas.harvard.edu/>)

Deadline: February 10, 2012