



2009 Dunn Peace Research Scholarship

Two awards of \$1,500 available to U of M students

Deadline: Noon, Monday, March 2, 2009

The J. W. G. Dunn, Jr., Scholarship for Foreign Research on International Peace was developed to provide an annual award for a University of Minnesota student to pursue research abroad dealing with issues of direct relevance to international peace.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be degree-seeking University of Minnesota undergraduate or graduate students. Generally, undergraduate applicants should have completed at least 24 credits and graduate students at least 14 during the calendar year prior to application. Some exceptions may be granted, such as graduate students who have been studying for Ph.D. prelims.
- The proposed research must be relevant to issues of international peace. The primary focus of the scholarship is on peace among countries, although projects concerned with domestic peace within foreign countries will be considered as long as relevance is demonstrated.

Examples of past research proposals that have been considered appropriate include:

“The Role of Civilian Initiatives in Building Local Capacities for Peace”

“The Children of Cypriot Refugees and the Meaning of Their Occupied Homes”

“The Role of the Korean Mass Media in Building Peace in the Korean Peninsula”

“Significance of Borders in the East African Integration”

- The proposed research must require a phase outside of the United States. Projects that could be completed successfully using resources at the University of Minnesota or elsewhere in the United States will not be funded. Travel to countries on the U.S. State Department travel warning

list requires approval from the University of Minnesota Education Abroad Suspension Committee (see “Approved Destinations”).

- Research may be for a Ph.D. dissertation, a master’s thesis, a Plan B master’s paper, an honors thesis, or an independent study project. Independent studies done within the context of a larger study abroad program are acceptable. Applications will be judged by standards appropriate to each student’s level.
- The foreign phase of the research must be planned to commence by May 31, 2010.

Student Reports

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a copy of the final paper, or in certain cases, a progress report, to the Office of International Programs.

Final papers or progress reports of past recipients of the Dunn Peace Research Scholarship are on file in the Office of International Programs. Potential applicants are encouraged to review these papers in 100 University International Center.

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Selection Criteria

Applications will be judged by standards appropriate to each student's level. The selection committee will award the scholarship based on the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposed research to an issue or issues of international peace and the necessity of a foreign phase of the research
- Quality of the research proposal
- Feasibility of the research design in relation to:
 - the time allocation for completion
 - the resources available to the student both at the University of Minnesota and at the site of overseas study
 - the applicant's ability to carry out the proposed research (e.g., language skills, knowledge of statistics, etc.)
 - the applicant's knowledge of the subject of the proposed research and of the concepts and methods of the relevant academic disciplines
 - the applicant's possession of skills and qualifications necessary to successfully do research overseas (e.g., persistence, ability to interact with people of another culture, organization skills, etc.)
- The applicant's past academic performance
- Faculty adviser's letter

Selection Procedures

A selection committee will review the applications. Finalists will be interviewed at the Twin Cities campus. Recipients will be notified in early April.

Approved Destinations

Travel Warning List. Travel to countries on the U.S. State Department travel warning list requires approval from the University of Minnesota Education Abroad Suspension Committee. The list includes countries the State Department recommends that Americans avoid. Reasons for inclusion on this list include crime, health, instability, or extreme weather conditions. Warnings are updated as the conditions warrant; some countries have warnings

for prolonged periods, and others reflect more temporary conditions. You can view the list at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/warnings_current.html

Since each student is responsible for building a case for travel to these countries, OIP urges early consultation before preparing the documents for consideration. The process for approval requires planning and a commitment to prepare a case. OIP can advise on the process and feasibility of the plan. Please contact Meaka Henningsen (612-626-9123) to discuss your individual plans.

Travel to Cuba. The University of Minnesota has a license to authorize certain types of educational travel to Cuba. For initial information, please read OIP's website, then consult with Meaka Henningsen (612-626-9123) to discuss your individual plans. Cuba travel website: <http://www.international.umn.edu/cuba/>

Medical Insurance

All Dunn Peace Research Scholarship recipients must have medical health insurance approved by the University. Approved medical health insurance includes University of Minnesota Boynton Health Service medical insurance (all graduate assistants have this insurance) or Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) purchased through the Learning Abroad Center 230 Heller Hall, West Bank, <http://www.UMabroad.umn.edu/healthSafety/healthInsurance.html>. The cost is \$31.00 per month. Students purchasing CISI will have their STARS account billed.

Application Procedures

Your complete application must be received in the Office of International Programs by the application deadline in order for you to be considered for the scholarship.

Application Deadline: Noon, Monday, March 2, 2009

Submit your complete application to:

Ms. Meaka Henningsen
Office of International Programs
100 University International Center
331 17th Avenue Southeast
Minneapolis, MN 55414
Telephone (612) 626-9123

A complete application consists of 5 copies of the following:

- Application form (*please type or write legibly*)
- Description of research project (*see next section*)
- Description of research preparation and qualifications
- U of M grade transcript (*student copy acceptable*)

Description of Research Project

Attach a description of your research project (not to exceed two single-spaced, typed pages) to the application. Include the following items:

- (1) name of the project
- (2) question or questions you want to address
- (3) research design
- (4) methods and resources you will use
- (5) any clearances you may need (such as U of M human subjects or foreign government approval)
- (6) necessity of going abroad for your research
- (7) relevance of your project to issues of international peace

Description of Research Preparation & Qualifications

Also attach a description of your preparation for the research abroad (not to exceed two single-spaced, typed pages) to the application. Include the following:

- (1) the language(s) other than English that will be required for your research, documentation of your level of proficiency in this language, deficiencies in language skills
- (2) the nature and extent of background reading, coursework, or research you have already done or plan to do before departure that relate to your subject and to the countries in which you will do your research
- (3) previous experience abroad
- (4) other non-academic experiences or background that have helped you prepare for this project

Student Agreement

This agreement, to be signed and submitted to OIP, is on the application form.

• I certify that all statements made on this application and all other study abroad application materials are complete, true, and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

• I will submit to the Office of International Programs within two months of my return from overseas research, either:

(1) a copy of the final product produced as a result of the research described in this application or

(2) a typed progress report of five to ten double-spaced pages. (This option is only available to those students whose final product will not be completed within two months after return when it is a part of either a master's or Ph.D. thesis.) This progress report must include a brief description of the progress of the overseas research, an outline of the preliminary results, and a description of the most important insights, both personal and academic, that have been gained as a result of the experience.

• I understand that if I am awarded the J. W. G. Dunn, Jr., Scholarship for Foreign Research on International Peace, I will receive \$1,300 of the award before departure and the remaining \$200 after submitting the final product or progress report.

Contact

Questions about the Dunn Peace Research Scholarship should be referred to Ms. Meaka Henningsen at the Office of International Programs, (612) 626-9123, e-mail meaka@umn.edu. Additional copies of the application and guidelines may be photocopied or requested from OIP.

This application is also available online at: <http://www.international.umn.edu/funding/dunn/>

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.