Force Science Faculty/Student Research Grants

The purpose of these grants is to provide financial resources to Minnesota State Mankato faculty members and students conducting research in law enforcement or related areas.

Selection Criteria

Required:
- Faculty member employed by Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Research proposal focused on the law enforcement line officer

Preferred:
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences faculty
- Collaborative research with faculty and students (undergraduate or graduate)
- Interdisciplinary projects
- Junior faculty encouraged to apply

Grant Award Timeline

- PSLE will advertise early each semester (fall and spring) for awards
- Committee should select projects by December 1st and/or March 1st
- PSLE will award grant in January and/or April (from FSI fund)
- Award recipient will complete research within one year

Application Process

- Applicants complete an application form
- Applicants attach proposed overall budget for the project, including other funding sources
- Applicants consider inclusion of student honorarium in overall budget
- Applicants submit all materials to LE program coordinator

Award Process

- LE program coordinator collects all applications and schedules a committee meeting
- Selection committee reviews all applications and selects award recipient(s)
- Selection committee should be multi-disciplinary, led by LE program coordinator
- Suggested members will be from CAHN, CSET, CSBS, LE, and FSRC
- Committee may award up to the full amount available for one person, or could award to multiple applicants
- Leftover funds will remain in account to be awarded the following year
- LE program coordinator will provide names of student award recipients (for fall and spring) to the SBS Advising U office by April 1st of each year

Reporting Process

- FSI will request a progress update mid-year from award recipients.
- FSI will request a final report, which may be a working product, written report, published article, copy of a paper or thesis, research results or a conference paper. (Report type is at discretion of award recipient.)
- Failure to provide an update or final report may result in ineligibility for future grants from FSRC.
Attach a research proposal, including the following information:

I. Project Description (limit of 2500 words)
   A. Research question and its significance to the researcher’s field and to the performance and/or safety of the line officer
   B. Methods proposed for answering the research question
   C. Materials to be used
   D. A reasonable timeline marking goals for completion of the project
   E. Works cited/references
   F. Proposed intellectual property rights

II. Budget Request
   A. Must outline the relevance/importance of proposed expenses
   B. Must include other sources funding the research, if applicable
   C. Note: The Force Science Institute may have equipment available for researchers’ use, or may consider the purchase of equipment (to be owned by FSI) in addition to the award, for the researchers’ use. Equipment purchased with the research award will belong to the researcher.

Submit this form with your research proposal to:
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Department of Political Science and Law Enforcement
Minnesota State University, Mankato
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