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Supplemental Support for Graduate Student Training in Research Methods & Statistics

The Department of Psychological Sciences will provide small stipends to graduate students interested in enhancing their methodological and/or statistical training beyond the courses offered at Purdue University. Examples of possible training platforms include single day or multiple day workshops/classes such as:

- Short courses offered through the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan.
- Short courses offered through the Center for the Advancement of Research Methods and Analysis (CARMA) at Wayne State University.
- Short courses on R and/or R programming offered through the faculty at Virginia Commonwealth University and the non-profit Georgia R School.

Although the majority of opportunities will likely occur over the summer, students are encouraged to apply for funding as soon as they identify a class or workshop they would like to attend. Examples of other workshops/classes may be found at:

<http://reifmanintrostats.blogspot.com/2018/03/2018-list-of-summer-statistics-and.html>

Application Process

The application process is as follows:

- 1) All students pursuing the PhD degree in Psychological Sciences who are in good standing are eligible to apply. Each student may receive funding for 1 opportunity each fiscal year.
- 2) Students must submit a brief description of the workshop/class they wish attend along with a brief rationale (~1 paragraph) on how it will enhance their **methodological** training and contribute to their development as a scientist. [Note: The purpose of this initiative to enhance the research methods and statistical skills of our graduate students. Thus, the workshop/class must be related to methods/statistics. Workshops/classes focused on a substantive issue are not eligible for funding.] If the specific technique discussed in the workshop/class is needed to complete thesis or dissertation work, it should be noted as such in the student's rationale. Priority will be given to students seeking to learn topics not currently covered by the faculty in Psychological Sciences.
- 3) Students may request up to \$500 to help cover the costs associated with attending a domestic workshop/class and up to \$1000 for an international workshop/class. These costs might include expenses associated with registration fees, computer software, room and board, or travel to the workshop/class. Students should provide an estimated expense budget to justify their request.
- 4) Roughly half of available funds will be available for opportunities occurring between July 1 and December 31 with the other half of funds being made available for opportunities occurring between January 1 and June 30. Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis until the Supplemental Support funds are exhausted in a given fiscal year.
- 5) Applications should be submitted to Nancy O'Brien.