Kunz Center for Social Research
Graduate Student Research Support Award

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Overview
One mission of the Kunz Center for Social Research is to support Sociology Department graduate students’ research. In order to defray expenses related to graduate students’ independent research, the Kunz Center invites applications for the Kunz Graduate Student Research Support Award. Doctoral students are eligible for awards of up to $500.

Application Procedures
To apply for the Kunz Graduate Student Research Support Award, the graduate student should submit the following materials:
1. A two page explanation of the research project’s aims and methodological approach.
2. A budget and budget justification for the proposed award. Applicants must justify why they have not sought an alternative source of funding, such as the Taft Graduate Enrichment Award. If an applicant has applied for funding elsewhere but was denied, evidence of the funding attempt should be included in the application. If an applicant has received other funding for the proposed project, justification should be made for why additional funding is necessary.
3. The name of the Sociology Department faculty member who will supervise the research.

Review Procedures
1. Applications will be reviewed by the Kunz Center Steering Committee on a rolling basis.
2. Each fiscal year, the Kunz Center will distribute up to $1500 through the Kunz Graduate Student Research Support Award. Requests made when the funds have been distributed will be denied.
3. Only students who are in good standing in the graduate program will receive awards.
4. Awards will be given to applications that make a compelling case for the significance of the proposed research and the importance of the requested funds for successful completion of the project.
5. When comparing equally strong applications, preference will be given to the applicant who has not previously received an award.

Award Procedures
1. Students may not receive more than one award in a fiscal year.
2. The awarded amount may be for a portion of the original request, depending on available funds, persuasiveness of the budget justification, and other factors.
3. Publications of the resulting research should acknowledge The Cincinnati Project Faculty Research Award from the Kunz Center for Social Research.
4. The Kunz Center reserves the right to withdraw an award if a student leaves the Sociology Graduate Program.
5. Students must follow the University’s policies regarding reimbursement for expenses, including providing original receipts for all expenses.

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