CELSS Grants for Graduate Students Travel
Conferences and Summer Schools in Experimental and Behavioral Research

The Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences (CELSS) will provide funding to support graduate students travel to conferences and attendance to Summer Schools in Experimental and Behavioral Research.

Eligibility
Applicants must be advanced doctoral students at Columbia in Economics, Political Science, SIPA, the Business School, Sociology or in a department affiliated with ISERP.

1. Funding for travel to conferences is conditional on the student presenting at the conference. A message confirming the presentation is required as part of the application.
2. Applications for funding for Summer Schools can be accepted before admission is confirmed (with disbursement conditional on admission). Each student is restricted to funding for at most a single summer program.
3. Any student is only eligible for one travel grant per calendar year.
4. The award amount is capped at $1,500.
5. Preference will be given to students who have received CELSS research grants in the past and thus have a relationship to the lab.

Application
Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
The application must include the following, separate documents:

(1) a cover letter, which states the name and program of the conference, or the program of the summer school;
(2) a letter of support from the student’s adviser;
(3) a budget;
(4) the applicant’s CV;
(5) a statement detailing additional sources of funding, or, if not available, evidence of the student’s good faith effort at securing alternative sources.

The adviser’s letter of support can be an email to the CELSS director (celss-director@columbia.edu), CCing the CELSS manager (celss-manager@columbia.edu). The adviser needs to state explicitly that she/he is familiar with the conference/summer school considered and confident that it will be beneficial for the student’s work.

The applicant should send the documents, in a single compressed folder, to the CELSS manager at celss-manager@columbia.edu. The subject of the e-mail should be “Application for CELSS Funding: Travel” and the name of the compressed folder should be “LastnameFirstname_CelssTravelApp”.

Requests for clarification can be addressed to the CELSS manager, at celss-manager@columbia.edu, or to the CELSS director at celss-director@columbia.edu.