



# American Politics Research Lab

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

## **Guidelines for Research Grant Proposals**

### **Spring 2017**

The American Politics Research Laboratory (APRL) at the University of Colorado Boulder supports students and faculty as they pursue research involving the study of politics and governance in the United States. To this end, APRL offers several financial grants to both graduate students and faculty for their research endeavors related to American politics.

APRL will distribute a number of grants for up to \$3000. To be considered for one of these grants, faculty and graduate students must submit a 1-2 page, single-spaced proposal by April 14 that clearly addresses all requirements listed below. All grant funding proposal materials should be submitted to the APRL Director, Scott Adler (esadler@colorado.edu).

#### **Requirements for APRL Grant Consideration**

To be considered for an APRL grant, you must be affiliated with CU-Boulder. Your proposal must contain a statement of the research question or problem, the theoretical and practical contributions of the research to our understanding of American politics, how the research will be conducted, and how the money will be used. For more specific information on each of the parts of the grant proposal, please see below.

#### **Statement of the Research Question or Problem:**

In one or two paragraphs, state the research question or problem that the grant money will be used to help answer. The research question/problem must be clearly related to American politics in some form. Comparative work that includes the United States will also be considered.

#### **Theoretical and Practical Contributions of Research:**

Clearly state what theoretical contribution this research will make to the study of American politics. In addition to the direct theoretical contribution this research will make, also consider the following questions when writing your proposal. How might our understanding of American

politics change with this research? What will we know after the research is completed that we did not know before?

**Research Design:**

What research design will be used to address your research question? A clear statement of your research design should include the source of your data (is it a preexisting dataset, will you be conducting your own survey or experiment, collecting and coding observational data, etc.) and how you plan to analyze the data.

**How Will the Money be Used:**

In no more than one paragraph, describe how the grant funding will be used to support your research project. Projects involving undergraduates in the research process are encouraged and additional funding may be available to support undergraduate research assistants. Funding is not provided for work intended to fulfill course requirements.

Applicants are also asked to list all current and pending funding for the project being proposed.