



Small Grants for Training and Research: 2010
Population Studies Center

The Population Studies Center has several sources of discretionary funds to support training and research projects. Currently these include several endowments: the Freedman Fund, the Hermalin Scholars Fund, Weinberg Fund, Eva Mueller Fund, and the PSC Initiative fund. The PSC Initiative fund was approved by the PSC Advisory Committee in September 2009, formed by a combination of funding from the Grace Brown endowment and PSC internal discretionary funds. The new funds will provide small research grants for researchers interested in domestic issues.

To optimize use of all funds, we invite faculty (and others who may be eligible) to consider their funding needs for the coming year and submit requests on the attached Small Grants Application Form.

The Small Grants proposal process for 2010 will operate on the following schedule:

December 1, 2009	Call for proposals
January 15, 2010	Proposal deadline
February/March	Announcement of awards

The PSC Advisory Board will evaluate all requests and if funded, will determine the most appropriate funding source.

Award amounts will vary by sponsor, but most will be in the range of \$2,000 to \$10,000 with a maximum award amount of \$15,000. In most cases, funds will be available immediately after the awards are announced. The maximum award period is 15 months. In addition to the awards made via this review, some funds will be reserved for smaller requests at any time of year.

Please note: activities involving human subjects must be approved by the UM IRB before funds can be awarded. Research collaboration with a foreign institution may require review by an in-country IRB. In addition, a brief final report is required at the end of the period of research.

The Small Grants Application Form is attached. In addition, the last few pages describe the various funding sources, the purpose of those funds and general eligibility requirements. This information is provided to assist you with general guidelines for preparing your application.

For additional information about the application procedure, contact Kerri Cross at: kerris@umich.edu

**Small Grants Application Form
Population Studies Center**

Name of applicant:

Title of project or activity:

Proposed Start date:

Country of project or activity:

Solely U.S.

International country or countries (list):

Human Subjects (Yes or No): _____

IRB Approval (if pending, please indicate. If approved, attach approval)

Total amount of request (direct costs): \$ _____

Description of proposed project or activity (attach 1-3 pages):

- Include names and affiliations of all non-UM participants and note where PSC alumni are involved.
- For research proposals, the description should include significance, specific aims, plan of work, and expected outcomes/products (e.g., presentation at meetings, publication, proposal for outside funding of research).
- Graduate students need to include a letter of endorsement from their faculty mentor supporting the project.
- For training and related activities, the description should include as much detail as possible, including trainers, trainees, date, location, and any special needs for facilities, equipment, local housing arrangements, etc. For details about courses offered through the SRC and ICPSR summer programs, see: <http://www.isr.umich.edu/home/education/>

Budget (attach 1/2 page):

Use simple categories, e.g., salary and fringe benefits, consultant, travel, supplies. Maximum award amount will be \$15,000. Generally, PI salary will not be supported. Add budget notes for any category that isn't discussed in the text of the proposal.

*The deadline for receipt of all application materials is **January 15, 2010**.
Please return them to Kerri Cross, preferably via an email attachment.*

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Population Studies Center Small Grants Funding Sources

General Guidelines

Below are general guidelines for the type of research each fund supports. They are listed for informational purposes to assist you in preparing your application.

Ronald and Deborah Freedman Fund for International Population Activities

Purpose: The goals of the Freedman Fund, an endowment of the Population Studies Center, are to foster social demographic research in developing countries and to promote durable ties between the Center and overseas scholars and institutions. Awards will support research and training with a focus on fertility, family planning, and family dynamics. Activities may include pilot research projects, workshops, postdoctoral visits, short-term postdoctoral fellowships, and travel for collaboration. Pilot research projects may involve preliminary data collection or analysis of existing data. For pilot projects, reviewers will give preference to joint applications between PSC researchers and alumni.

Workshops may be convened at PSC or overseas. Postdoctoral fellowships may include participation in summer courses offered by SRC and ICPSR. Travel grants will assist in developing new collaborations; awards solely for the purpose of international travel to present papers at professional meetings will be considered if a paper has been accepted and the meeting will provide an opportunity for new contacts overseas. Proposals that seek to supplement funds from other sources are encouraged.

Eligibility: PSC Research Scientists, Research Affiliates, Postdoctoral Fellows, and overseas PhD alumni are eligible to apply. Overseas collaborators not affiliated with the Center may be included for support.

Allowable expenses: Allowable expenses include travel, food, lodging, and other expenses directly related to visits in either direction between the Center and overseas institutions. Larger projects also may include salary and consulting fees as appropriate.

Albert Hermalin Scholars Fund

Purpose: The Hermalin Scholars Fund addresses the need for continuing education and new interactions between demography and other fields through the following programs:

1. Short-term residencies by researchers from other fields, such as medicine, epidemiology, biology, and genetics.
2. Summer fellowships to take courses from the Institute for Social Research (ISR) programs in survey research techniques (offered by the Survey Research Center) and statistical methods (offered by the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research) and to collaborate with PSC/ISR colleagues. For details about these programs see: <http://www.isr.umich.edu/home/education/>
3. Six-month fellowships to take courses during a regular academic semester and/or to engage in collaborative research with one or more PSC/ISR researcher.

Eligibility: Priority for fellowships will be given to PhD alumni of the Population Studies Center, with preference for those with positions in developing countries. Demographers from developing countries who are not alumni, but who are collaborating with PSC/ISR researchers, will also be eligible as funds permit.

Marshall Weinberg Fund

Purpose: The Marshall Weinberg Fund is intended to support junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows and students in conducting research benefiting international populations.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan.

Eva Mueller Scholars Fund

Purpose: The Eva Mueller Fund was established to support research and training in demography and economics. Applications for all demographic topics, but especially for projects focused on low income countries and projects dealing with the socioeconomic position of women and investments in children's health and human capital

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan, with preference given to junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students.

Allowable Expenses: Applicable uses of funds include, but are not limited to, travel, salary support, data procurement, data collection, and coordination with colleagues, both domestically and internationally.

Population Studies Center Initiative Fund

Purpose: Using funds from the Grace T. Brown Endowment in combination with PSC overhead, PSC will provide a fund of up to \$50,000 each year to provide support to PSC researchers whose projects do not qualify for endowments targeted toward international projects. Priority will be for domestic-themed projects and research.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from postdoctoral fellows and faculty at the Population Studies Center at the University of Michigan.

Allowable Expenses: Applicable uses of funds include, but are not limited to, travel, salary support, data procurement, data collection, and coordination with colleagues, both domestically and internationally. Funds may also be used to support mini-conferences or workshops, or to provide student salaries for working directly with faculty on research projects.

Small Grants Summary Information

Freedman Fund

Theme: Fertility, family planning, and family dynamics in developing countries

Activities: Pilot projects, workshops, postdoctoral visits and travel for collaboration

Region: Developing countries

Eligibility: PSC Research Faculty, Research Affiliates, Postdoctoral Fellows, and PhD alumni in developing countries

Hermalin Fund

Theme: Continuing education, new interactions between demography and other fields

Activities: Short-term training, short-term residencies at PSC for researchers from other fields

Region: No specific region

Eligibility: PSC PhD alumni, with preference for those in developing countries

Marshall Weinberg Endowment Fund

Theme: Income to be used to benefit international population activities of PSC researchers

Activities: Pilot projects, data collection, travel for collaboration

Region: No specific region

Eligibility: PSC junior faculty, graduate students, post graduate fellows and foreign colleagues

Mueller Fund

Theme: Research and training in demography and economics.

Activities: Pilot projects, data collection and research training

Region: No specific region

Eligibility: PSC faculty, graduate students, and post doctoral fellows. Preference given to junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows and graduate students.