Population Studies Center Small Grants Funding Sources

Below are general guidelines for the type of research each fund supports. For more specific information, please consult the [PSC website](https://www.psc.edu).

**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 Professors and Scientists, PSC Research Affiliates, PSC NIA and NICHD 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, per diem, 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/](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.

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: PSC trainees (predoctoral students, postdoctoral fellows), and PSC Research Affiliates, 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.

Marshall Weinberg Fund

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

Eligibility: PSC trainees (predoctoral students, postdoctoral fellows), and PSC Research Affiliates.

Marshall Weinberg International Travel Fund

Purpose: The Marshall Weinberg International Travel fund is intended to support educational and learning experiences abroad for PSC students and trainees.

Eligibility: PSC trainees (predoctoral students, postdoctoral fellows)

Allowable Expenses: Applicable uses of funds include international travel expenses, per diem, and training courses outside of the US.

Population Studies Center Initiatives 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: PSC trainees (predoctoral students, postdoctoral fellows), and PSC Research Affiliates appointed prior to September 1, 2011.

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.

**Population Studies Center Pilot Grant Competition**

**Purpose:** The goals of this program are: (1) to support pilot research leading to larger projects with very high potential for external funding (e.g., NIH R01, R21, R03); and (2) to encourage new collaborations among PSC researchers.

**Eligibility:** PSC Research Affiliates appointed prior to September 1, 2012. PSC junior researchers are especially encouraged to apply.

**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.