JeffSmart Student Research & Travel Award

Opportunity

JeffSmart is pleased to provide research degree students (M.A./M.S., Ph.D., J.S.D., D.M.A., M.F.A.) the opportunity to travel to present their research/scholarship at peer-reviewed conferences.

JeffSmart offers **Conference Grants** to graduate students, providing up to **$500 for domestic travel** and **$1,500 for international travel** to attend professional conferences where they are presenting. Additionally, grants of up to **$200** are available to cover registration fees for **online conference presentations**. Additional funding may be available upon request.

The program encourages projects that:
- Focus on improving life in cities, through health, design, or built environment interventions.
- Measure, quantify, or analyze the impact of changes in urban environments.
- Are transdisciplinary in nature, incorporating Jefferson programs and faculty in multiple colleges.
- Involve collaboration with community organizations, industry, government, or other institutions outside Jefferson.
- Assist cities or organizations implementing or aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Administrator(s):
Dr. Edgar Stach (corresponding)
Dr. Chris Pastore
Dr. Katie DiSantis

Category: Open Funding Opportunities
Participating Organization(s): Jefferson - Center City Campus, Jefferson - East Falls Campus
Award Cycle: FY24/25
Discipline Subject/Area: Transdisciplinary: Design/Built Environment, Urbanism, Business, Technology, Policy, Population Health

Number of Applications
Allowed per Applicant: 1
Number of Possible Awardees: multiple

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS
Applicants should submit a proposal consisting of:
- Scope of Work,
- Financial Component, and
- Required Additional Materials
- Name of conference and prove of exeption to present / publsh research.

Scope of Work:

No more than two pages in length, single spaced. Please use one-inch margins and a typeface of Arial 11.

- Provide the hypothesis, and goals and objectives of the research project.
- Describe the significance of the research.
- the methods, analytic plan and the work to be undertaken.
- Describe how the results of the research will be disseminated.
- Describe how the investigators' research skills or capacity will be developed or improved as part of the project.
- Provide a timeline for the grant.

Financial Component:

Included in the two-page scope of work.

- Project Budget: identify the type of funding: Conference Grant, Thesis/Dissertation Research Grants or Educational Grants
- Abstract Page: The abstract should be no longer than 250 words included in the two-page scope of work.
- Applicants may also submit a short bio-sketches.

Evaluation:

Applications will be evaluated on the following metrics:

- Potential impact of the applicant's research
- Relevance to the institutes mission

Submission Information:

All applications must be submitted to Dr. Edgar Stach by 5:00pm on March 10, 2025.

The Institute will announce fellowship/grant awards by March 14, 2025.

Successful applicants will receive funding on or soon after March 117, 2025, and all funds must be expended and travel concluded by June 30th, 2025.

Award Terms

Eligibility:
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Fellowship:
Those awarded grant funds will be considered "Jefferson Smart & Healthy Cities Fellows" and will have access to the network and resources of the Fellowship. However, not all JeffSmart Fellows are funded through this grant process. Fellowship is an ongoing commitment and benefit beyond the period of funding, but Fellows may resign with notice. JeffSmart Fellows may, among other responsibilities, be asked to:
Present research results at, and attend, the annual Smart & Healthy Cities Symposium.
Attend or present at the JeffSmart Speaker Series.
Consistently present themselves and their work as representing the Institute.

Final Report:

A final report is due August 31, 2025, two months after the completion of the funded project.