Field Research on a Budget

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Workshop Structure

- Introductions
- International Travel Award
- Research Award
- Finding Funding
- Travel Tips
  - Transportation
  - Accommodation
  - Food and Miscellaneous
The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is comprised of senators from all departments and programs on campus that have graduate programs on the master and doctoral level. Through regular meetings, the senate seeks to improve graduate student life and research on campus through student initiatives and research grant funding.

http://www.kent.edu/graduatesudies/gss
GSS Awards [http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-awards](http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-awards)

- **Domestic Travel Award**
  - $500 non-competitive award to present at a conference in the contiguous U.S. and adjacent Canadian provinces.

- **International Travel Award**
  - $1,500 competitive award to present anywhere not covered by the DTA.

- **Research Award**
  - $2,000 competitive award to support research or project-related expenses domestically and internationally.
GSS International Travel Award

Funding for individuals presenting, performing, or actively participating at professional conferences, competitions, festivals, performance tours, or workshops related to their academic program or specialized interests.

- Summer 2017 Award Deadline: April 24th by 11:59pm
- Components: Online Funding Form, Proof of Registration, 2-page Personal Statement, CV, Class Schedule, One Letter of Recommendation, Additional Materials.
- Two tips to secure funding:
  - Follow Directions
  - Go Above and Beyond
Read the Guidelines and Rubric
Be Aware of Award Time and Purpose
Blinding Materials
Meeting Deadlines
- Including your letter of recommendation
Letter of Recommendation(s)
A Full, Accurate, and Informed Budget
A Perfected Statement
  Proofread!
  Written to a General Audience
  State Financial Need
No such thing as over-prepared.
A competitive award that supports research or project-related expenses for Kent State University graduate students.

- Spring Award Deadline: March 6, 2017 by 11:59 PM
- Components:
  - Letter of Recommendation (usually from advisor)
  - Research Award Application (online)
  - Budget
  - CV
  - Proposal
A competitive award that supports research or project-related expenses for Kent State University graduate students.

- Watch out for:
  - Follow directions and be aware of conditions
  - Know how to properly “blind” an application
  - Give plenty of time to adviser for letter of recommendation
  - Make sure the proposal is compelling and avoids “techno speak”
  - Use space effectively to explain the need for your research
  - Seriously. Follow directions!
Finding Funding

- Departments
- Pivot
- Other grants
- Faculty partnerships
- Calls for specific research
Transportation – Flights – momondo.com
**Transportation – Flights – statravel.com**

### Start the Adventure

#### Flight Search

- **Departure:** BOS → LON
- **Date:** 17 Jul 17
- **Passenger:** 1 Student
- **Type:** One-way Flight

Showing +/- 3 days on your flexible search

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**Toll Free at 800.781.4040**

MON - FRI: 5am - 6pm (PST) 8am-9pm (EST) SAT: 5am-6pm (PST) 8am-9pm (EST) & SUN: 7am - 6pm (PST) 10am - 9pm (EST)

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**Help**

**USD 0.00**
Public Transportation is Your Friend

Before you travel look for:
- Public transit system maps
- Passes
- Student Fares
- Apps
  - Transit

Don’t just assume; Check:
- Flights
- Trains
- Buses
- Rideshares
- Ferries
Dos
- Airbnb
- University Housing
- Hostels
- Check Reviews
- Context

Don’ts
- Conference Hotels
- Context
Food Tips

Know your per diem
Get out of the city center or tourist areas if possible
Grocery stores are your friends
Bring food with you!
Thank You!

Questions Please

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