



APSA Graduate Student Newsletter / March 2025

Dear Graduate Students:

As we prepare for the final part of the 2024-2025 academic year, the [APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession](#) wanted to highlight a **series of professional development opportunities** designed to help unpack key parts of the “hidden curriculum” including funding, postdocs, and organizing knowledge in your research processes.

APSA’s Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession’s [virtual workshop series](#) provides accessible, high-quality professional development opportunities to political science graduate students.

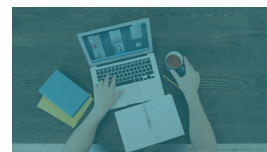
[Watch our previous events!](#) We have 4 additional workshops coming up this April, register to attend below!

Upcoming Virtual Workshops

The Ins & Outs of APSA’s Research Grants

Join the APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession and APSA staff for another virtual [workshop](#) aimed at funding your research!

This workshop will focus on providing graduate students with the skills and knowledge necessary to apply for APSA grants, including Centennial Center [research grants](#) and APSA’s various [diversity, equity, and inclusion grants](#). This webinar will also provide knowledge necessary for applying for these grants, as well as advice on how to write a competitive application. [Learn more](#)



Tuesday, April 1, 2025

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

[APSA 2025 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Q&A](#)

Join the APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession for a virtual workshop featuring [APSA's DDRIG](#) program manager and past recipients of the award.



Tuesday, April 8, 2025

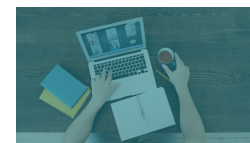
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

The Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) project provides support to enhance and improve the conduct of doctoral dissertation research in political science. The APSA DDRIG program intends to award twenty to twenty-five grants yearly between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to support doctoral dissertation research that advances knowledge and understanding of citizenship, government, and politics. [Learn more](#)

"Wait, Where's That File Again?:" Organizing Your Graduate School and Academic Life

Graduate school often has students juggling many roles and hats throughout their program. Even the most organized of us can struggle to keep up with the multiple streams of information and obligations in an efficient way. Although we are expected to manage the logistics and information of our programs, we often get little to no training on these skills. This [workshop](#) is designed to help fill this gap!



Thursday, April 10, 2025

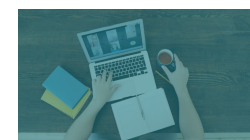
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

We will discuss the basics of managing knowledge (known as "Knowledge Management" or "Personal Knowledge Management") and demo three knowledge management tools (Notion, Capacities, and Evernote) to support research and logistical management for researchers. [Learn more](#)

Demystifying Post-Docs

Join us for a virtual [workshop](#) on sharing best practices and uncovering the hidden curriculum surrounding the post-doc. Post-docs are a common entry point for new political science PhDs to enter the academic workforce while advancing their research and teaching portfolio. But not all post-docs are the same.



Wed, April 30, 2025

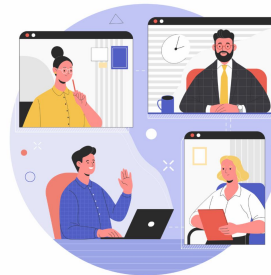
3:00 p.m. ET

[Register Here](#)

Discussion topics include: identifying the right post-doc, the application process, what to expect, and more! [Learn more](#)

Graduate Student Member Support Fund

The APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students offers a [support fund to help students](#) with unexpected emergency costs. This fund has a quarterly allocation cycle.



Applications will open at 8 am EST on April 1, 2025 and close at 5pm EST on April 8, 2025. [View application](#)

The April 2025 support fund application process will run as a lottery system. There is no review process— this fund is for graduate student members of APSA and all applications are eligible if certain conditions are met (being registered as a graduate student member of APSA).

After applications have closed, all applications will receive a number. APSA staff will then use a random number generator to select the maximum number of applications to be funded. We anticipate that we will be able to fully fund 8 applications for each quarter in the April 2025 cycle. Those who are not part of the applications randomly selected to be funded will be eligible to reapply for funding during the summer and fall 2025 cycles.

[Apply Here](#)

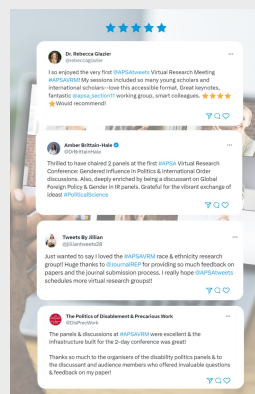
APSA Opportunities

[Join Scholars Virtually at the APSA 2025 Virtual Research Meeting | April 10th-11th | "Political Science in the Virtual World" | Register Now!](#)

Join us for the second APSA Virtual Research Meeting, a two-day, online event held April 10th & April 11th! We look forward to joining political science scholars from all across the world to explore the meeting theme, “Political Science Research in a Virtual World.”

This two-day virtual event is designed for scholars to develop and share their research, provide constructive feedback, and build networks and partnerships for future collaboration.

[Access the Virtual Research Meeting Online Program](#)



[Apply Now for APSA Spring Centennial Center Research Grants](#)

The spring cycle of the APSA Centennial Center Research Grants supports research in all fields of political science conducted by political scientists in non-tenure track or contingent positions; political science faculty of all ranks who are employed in departments that do not grant PhDs, including community college faculty and graduate students in political science disciplines. Individual grant proposals may not exceed \$2,500. **Deadline: April 15, 2025**

[Opens April 1st: APSA Advancing Research Grant for Early-Career Scholars](#)

The APSA Diversity and Inclusion Advancing Research Grants 2025 application cycle will award early-career scholars whose research examines political science phenomenon affecting underserved communities and underrepresented groups. Grants will range between \$2000 - \$2500. Please contact us with any questions. **Deadline: May 6, 2025**

[Apply for 2025 APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants](#)

The APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants are available to all US-based graduate students who are at the point of initiating or are already conducting empirical dissertation research focused on advancing knowledge and understanding of citizenship, government, and politics. **Deadline: June 1, 2025**

Additional Opportunities

Early-Career Workshop: Social Science Approaches to Law and Courts | Deadline: March 31, 2025

This workshop is for advanced doctoral students and early-career researchers (ECRs) working in the field of socio-legal studies, broadly defined. It will be held at Nuffield College, Oxford, from June 6 to June 7, 2025. The workshop welcomes scholars grappling with questions related to (a) the design and impact of institutions such as constitutions, courts, and prosecution services; (b) judicial and prosecutorial behaviour at the national and international levels; (c) the relationship between domestic and international law and politics; (d) various forms of socio-legal mobilization; and (e) the relationship between voters and the legal complex.

To apply, please email isabella.cuervo@nuffield.ox.ac.uk with a one-page CV and a 200-word abstract by Monday, March 31st. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, April 4th.

APSA-STEP Section Inclusion Travel Grant | Deadline: April 15, 2025

The [Science, Technology, and Environmental Politics Section](#) of the American Political Science Association membership voted to revise the section bylaws and institute a graduate student travel grant award to encourage greater inclusion of underrepresented groups in the section. Graduate students should submit their application to kristin.taylor@wayne.edu, ekoebele@unr.edu, and tascott@ucdavis.edu.

Learn more about [requirements for submissions here](#).

The Young Initiative at Occidental College | Deadline: April 25, 2025

The Young Initiative at Occidental College is now [accepting applications for its predoctoral fellowship](#). Eligible candidates are Ph.D. students working broadly in the field of Global Political Economy. The fellowship seeks to promote scholarly research focusing on areas that are often overlooked in GPE, and/or by scholars who are from backgrounds that are under-represented in the academy.

The predoctoral fellowship provides support for doctoral research. There are no residential requirements, beyond a week of lectures/programming at Oxy in Spring 2026 (for which the fellow will be provided with lodging etc). [Learn more.](#)



2025 APSA VIRTUAL RESEARCH MEETING | 10th & 11th APRIL

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