Graduate Student Travel Policy

Annual Support: The department will provide $400.00 for travel to one meeting a year where the graduate student is presenting their research at a regional or national academic conference. We encourage the graduate students to seek funding from outsides sources including the KSU Graduate Student Senate and professional associations.

One-Time Support: The process of becoming a professional sociologist includes a number of important experiences that provide opportunities for graduate student socialization. We believe that attending professional meetings provides an understanding of the discipline that goes beyond our departmental program. The department will provide $200.00 for travel to one professional meeting over the course of the graduate student’s career at Kent State University where they are not presenting their own research. This includes attendance at professional/scholarly meetings (e.g., ASA, SWS, ABS, SSSP, SSSI) or a regional meeting.

Job Market Augmented Travel Support: To support and encourage our graduate students to increase their visibility on the job market, the department will provide one-time travel funding to attend a national annual meeting (e.g., ASA, ASC, ACJS) and participate in the official employment service of the annual meeting. Students participating in the employment service at an annual national meeting will receive an additional $150.00 over and above the $400.00 that students who are presenting will receive. Again, this is one-time” travel support. Who is eligible? Graduate students who were funded by the Department as a GA, RA or as a part-time faculty member.

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