Cycle IV Travel Funding

• Deadline is Dec. 30th at 5pm.
• Funding for Travel Dates: Sept 15-Dec 14
• Cycle will use current application and rubric.
• All applications must be mailed or hand-delivered to:
  GSA Treasurer
  c/o The Office of Graduate Studies
  University of Missouri
  210 Jesse Hall
  Columbia, MO 65211
Travel Grant Restructure Proposal

- **Current system:**
  - Two categories
    1. Presenter
       - $200 awards
    2. Professional development
       - $100 awards
  - No set budget for each cycle
  - Always non-competitive

- **New System:**
  - Two categories
    1. Presenter
       - $200 awards
    2. Professional development
       - $100 awards
  - Budget for each cycle will be set in consultation with OGS Fiscal Officer. (Not to exceed $4000 in any one cycle.)
  - Cycle will be competitive if more than $1500 applied for in total applications.
Application Changes

1. Eliminate the Letter of Recommendation requirement.

2. Limit the Abstract requirement to only presenters (as opposed to prof. development).

3. Add a Statement of Intent; applicants will be asked to address the following:
   1. Personal importance of the conference
   2. Professional importance of the conference
   3. Importance of attending this specific conference
Suggested Rubric for Competitive Cycles

1. Applications and Statement of Intent will be reviewed by 2 members of the finance committee.
2. Incomplete applications will be awarded a score of 0.
3. Treasurer will average two scores and then rank all applications.
4. Applications will be awarded full funding until all allotted money is utilized (in order of ranking).

Reviewer 1 Scoring (to be used when total applications in Cycle exceed $1,500.00)

1. National or International Conference?  
   - YES (+.5)  NO (+0)
2. First time applying to GSA?  
   - YES (+.5)  NO (+0)
3. Applied for multiple financial sources?  
   - YES (+.5)  NO (+0)
4. Statement of Intent Rubric:  
   - SOI Score: _______/6 points

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Please email me at carriewinship@mail.missouri.edu if you have any questions/concerns/suggestions about these proposed changes!

Any changes to the application process will begin in Cycle I of 2016—covering travel from Dec 15, 2015-Mar 14, 2016.