COLLEGE *of* ARTS & SCIENCES

TO: College Faculty
FROM: Peter Starr, Dean
UJ Sofia, Associate Dean of Research
DATE: 4 October 2016
RE: Fall 2016 Graduate Student Research Fund Competition

The College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to announce the fall 2016 competition for support of CAS graduate student research. Support is provided by the College Dean's discretionary account for up to $1,000 for research expenses. **Total awards for any purpose will not exceed $1,000 per academic year.** Requests for conference travel may be made at any time during the year and should not be included as part of this competition. For conference travel, please use the application here:
http://www.american.edu/cas/about/policies/upload/StudentConferenceTravelApplication.pdf

Applications to support the preparation of external grant proposals by graduate students are encouraged. Students planning to use funds to carry out research on human subjects or animals must have approval by the appropriate group, either the Institutional Review Board (IRB) or the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), prior to the awarding of any funds. If the purchase of research animals is requested, the budget must also include costs for the care of those animals (in the form of per diems). Please note that durable goods purchased with this funding are the property of American University. All funds must be used within one year of receiving the award.

Awards for research associated with a course (capstone, thesis or research credits, etc.) or awards for work on faculty research projects will not have taxes withheld from the award. Awards for student research projects that are not associated with a course will have taxes withheld from the award.

Please complete the form below and attach a one-page statement describing your project and its anticipated outcomes. An attachment showing your budget is also required.

If a department is submitting more than one application, the chair must rank-order (with explanation) all of the proposals, and give a critical evaluation of the proposed budgets (i.e., make the appropriate modifications). These awards are competitive and a student should not expect to receive funding unless their proposal is **well written and understandable to people outside of the field**. Students must submit their proposals to the department chair by Tuesday October 18, 2016.

APPLICATION FOR CAS GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT
Fall 2016
Due to the Department Chair by 18-October-2016

Name_____ **AU Student ID**_____

E-mail Address_____ **Department**_____

Degree program & Entering year _____

Project/Title _____

Total Funding Requested $_____

Award Category (Check all applicable)

___**research materials** ___**preparation of external grant proposal(s)**

___**travel to research site** ___**manuscript publication**

___**other (briefly describe):**_____

Approvals (mark if appropriate): IRB approval ____**required** ____**obtained IACUC approval** ____**required** ____**obtained**

Will receipt of this award help you in applying for external funding? ___**Yes** ___**No If yes, to whom do you anticipate applying for external funding, and when?**

This award will be supporting: (Please mark only the ONE option in this list that best applies)

_____ **Research required for a class (thesis or research credits, capstone, etc.)**

_____ **A faculty member's research project**

_____ **The student's research project**

Attachments:

1) PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A one-page description of the travel/project. The connection of this project/travel to the student's overall academic advancement (e.g., instructional or dissertation/thesis research) must be addressed.

2) ITEMIZED BUDGET

SIGNATURES: Applicant(s)_____**Date**_____

Department Chair/Program Head _____**Date** _____