

The Hammer Fund

Application for UNC Public Policy Ph.D. Program Conference Travel or Research-Related Expenses

Graduate students may apply to the UNC Public Policy Ph.D. Program for reimbursement for research-related expenses or conference travel of up to \$500. Students may receive an award from the Hammer Fund up to 2 times during their graduate study. Preference will be given to applicants who are on (or close to) the job market, are presenting dissertation-related work (or requesting research funds for dissertation-related work), are attending APPAM or a high-impact conference in the student's field, and have not previously received a Hammer Fund award.

In order to apply for Hammer funding, please submit a letter addressed to Professor Ashu Handa and email it to both Professor Handa (shanda@email.unc.edu) and Ellen Jackson (efj@email.unc.edu). Describe the research-related or conference activity and expected costs. Applications will be reviewed by the GSC and approved in consultation with the DGS and the Chair. Applications are accepted on an on-going basis.

Please note that conference travel funds are also available to graduate students through the Graduate School of up to \$400 (\$1,000 international). Those funds are for students who have completed all the requirements of the Ph.D. program except the dissertation, who are in good standing with the program, and are full-time. These funds provide reimbursement for transportation costs to/from a conference only (i.e., airfare, taxi, bus fare, personal care mileage, or shuttle bus). Please see the following link for more information:
<http://gradschool.unc.edu/funding/gradschool/transportationgrant.html>.