

**Milward L. Simpson Fund**  
**Application for Financial Assistance (SPPAIS Student)**

The general purpose of the Milward L. Simpson Fund for Political Science is to ***further, foster and advance education and learning in the field of Political Science at the University of Wyoming.*** As part of this aim, the Simpson Committee welcomes requests from meritorious undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Politics, Public Affairs and International Studies (SPPAIS) or related Departments/Programs at the University of Wyoming to help provide financial support **for student-led research, professional or scholarly development, and/or other related learning experience opportunities.**

For example, as an undergraduate/graduate student you may apply for funding from the Milward L. Simpson fund to help support or defray the cost of:

- Necessary materials for thesis research (Eg. Software, archival/database access, technology, etc.)
- Travel, accommodation and research costs associated with thesis-related field research
- Travel and accommodation to presenting at scholarly Conferences, Workshops, Symposia
- Taking part in an approved and accredited Internship Program  
(Eg. Washington Semester, Wyoming State Legislature, Department of State, NGOs, Agencies)
- Attending Professional Development Conferences/Seminars (Eg. Methods, Teaching, Grants)
- Travel and accommodation costs associated with accompanying a faculty mentor/advisor to attend scholarly Conferences, Workshops, Symposia
- Hosting student-led Seminars, Symposia, Conferences or Workshops related to the field of Political Science that will foster and advance education and learning at the University of Wyoming
- Hosting relevant Student Club or RSO events on campus (Eg. Movie Nights, Reception, etc.)
- Hosting other relevant student-led or student-focused learning experiences on campus

Applications for financial assistance through the Milward L. Simpson Fund for Political Science will be considered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month throughout the academic year. Decisions for funding will be made by the Simpson Committee and SPPAIS faculty.

All applications for student financial assistance will be evaluated on a competitive basis based on the merit of the student application and assessed on each proposal's relation to the general purpose of the Simpson Fund and to at least one of the main areas for student funding described above. In all cases where funding is awarded, due public recognition must be provided to highlight the support given by the Milward L. Simpson Fund and SPPAIS. Students who are successful in their application to receive funding to support research must also agree to make a brief presentation of their work to SPPAIS as part of the ongoing Simpson Speaker Series.

All applications should be submitted via email to Dr. Nevin T. Aiken, Chair of the Simpson Committee, at [naiken@uwyo.edu](mailto:naiken@uwyo.edu). Any questions regarding the application process or the Milward L. Simpson Fund may be directed to Dr. Aiken at [naiken@uwyo.edu](mailto:naiken@uwyo.edu).

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**Name of the Undergraduate or Graduate Student Making the Request:**

**Student's Department or Program at the University of Wyoming:**

**Campus or Home Address (Inc. Telephone and Email Contact:**

**Total Amount Requested from the Milward L. Simpson Fund for Political Science:**

[   ] If I am successful in my application for funding, I agree to give due public recognition to highlight the support given by the Milward L. Simpson Fund and SPPAIS.

[   ] If I receive funding from the Milward L. Simpson Fund to support my research, I agree to present a portion of my findings in a brief presentation to SPPAIS as part of the Simpson Speaker Series.

**Student Signature:**

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**Additional Student Application Instructions:**

**1) Along with this coversheet, on a separate attached page (no more than 1 single-spaced page in length) please include a detailed description (who, what, where, when, etc.) of the intended use of the Financial Assistance being applied for from the Milward L. Simpson Fund.** If applying for individual funding, in your description please be sure to discuss how your application for financial assistance will be used to enrich studies, student education or learning experiences related to the field of Political Science or related disciplines at UW, support your program of research and/or to advance your own professional or scholarly development. If applying for funding to support student-led or student-focused research activities or learning experiences at UW, please be sure to discuss how your application will enrich education and learning related to the field of Political Science at the University of Wyoming.

**2) In addition, each student application should include an additional separate page providing a detailed overall budget listing specific categories and amounts of proposed expenditure for each.** This budget should reflect the total cost of the program, event, purchases, etc. and not just the proposed Simpson Fund contribution. Last, your detailed budget should include an additional section where you list the other sources from whom you are requesting funding and the amount that each has pledged.