

mined from this study, though the effects are present even when those unfunded proposals which also could not find funding elsewhere are excluded.

APSA funds are not the only resource for many of the applicants to the Program. But they do not often appear just to substitute for other funding; and when combined with other resources work to make projects larger and more productive.

Who Uses the APSA Research Grant Program

The Research Grant Program is targeted to independent political scientists and faculty members at schools that do not grant a PhD in political science. This targeting was intended to direct resources to scholars in environments where the balance among academic demands is not tipped as much in the direction of research productivity as it is in PhD institutions, because of teaching load, absence of graduate students, and smaller numbers of colleagues in one's field; and in order to reach scholars in circumstances where institutional resources may be limited.

There are no direct measures to test these assumptions about relative need, but several indirect measures from the Departmental Survey reflect on them. As an indicator of opportunity for research productivity, the average size of the annual teaching load and numbers of separate course preparations shows distinct differences between PhD and other programs. Faculty at PhD institutions average 2 courses taught per faculty member per year, while those at MA institutions average 3.4; faculty at undergraduate institutions offering the BA in political science average 3.5; and faculty at schools combining political science and other fields in their BA program average 4.1. Numbers of separate preparations per year increase similarly.

There is a less dramatic difference evident in the actual internal institutional funding for research-related activity among the schools, e.g., relatively similar amounts are available per FTE for travel to con-

ferences. PhD schools report about \$355 per FTE for such travel, MA schools \$415, public undergraduate schools \$300, private undergraduate schools \$450, and small combined degree programs \$367. These numbers, however, may mask greater differentials in other resources, such as reflected in wide differentials in external funds from grants in contracts.

Faculty from BA schools apply disproportionately for APSA research grants: 58 percent of grant applications are from faculty in BA schools, which house 41 percent of faculty in institutions eligible for the Program. Thirty-seven percent of applications are from faculty in MA schools (comprising 45% of eligible faculty), and 5 percent are from undergraduate social science and combined programs (with 14 percent of eligible faculty).

But faculty from MA programs disproportionately win them. Faculty in programs offering Masters degrees earned 55 percent of the awards made to academically based political scientists. (One award in the study sample was made to an independent scholar.)

Comments from Program Applicants

The survey asked respondents for any suggestions or comments they might have regarding the Program. One person said that the Program was "a wonderful source of 'seed' money for those of us who may not do the kinds of work where getting funding is easier." Another suggested that APSA expand the Program because "those of us at liberal arts undergraduate institutions need this kind of assistance to encourage our scholarship. Perhaps the APSA could seek donations from our colleagues to this Program, as it has with other scholarship funds."

Another said, "I think the overall grant Program is well conceived. It is especially helpful that the small grants go to faculty from non-PhD-granting institutions." Others said that they were unsure of the criteria for a competitive application, however, noting that proposals that were denied were returned

to the authors without reviews or comments explaining why they were not accepted.

Finally, most respondents said the projects funded by the Research Grant Program contributed favorably to professional advancement. The grant money allowed them to polish their research and make contacts, they said, and several reported that the projects materially contributed to receiving promotions and tenure.

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