The Center for Political Studies is pleased to announce
the annual competition for the
Roy Pierce Scholars Fund
In support of Graduate Students in Political Science at the University of Michigan

For almost 50 years Roy Pierce was an integral part of Michigan’s Department of Political Science. He became a researcher in the Center for Political Studies in the 1960s and remained a central figure in the Center until his death. He was a leading scholar of French politics and a creative practitioner of genuinely comparative research. Roy was also a devoted mentor to graduate students. He gave freely of his time, energy, and talents. His former students are now successful social scientists teaching and conducting research at premier institutions worldwide. These relationships with his students brought him great personal satisfaction. At his death, many of these students were cherished friends. One of his students has remarked, “The most important and perhaps most surprising thing I have to say is how deeply Roy touched me and, I expect, most of us who studied with him. He never shared his quiet or private side with me or my contemporaries. Nonetheless, he displayed a degree of pedagogical and intellectual openness I’ve rarely seen in my career.”

The Pierce Fund was created to mark Roy’s lifetime commitment to the community of political scientists at the University of Michigan and his enthusiastic mentoring and care of graduate students. The award provides support for a graduate student in the University of Michigan’s Department of Political Science to work with a faculty member in the Center for Political Studies (CPS) at the Institute for Social Research.

**Award:** Up to $6,000 for two awards will be awarded for summer support of graduate students.

**Eligibility:** Applications will be accepted from research faculty at the Center for Political Studies, ISR, to support collaborative work with graduate students in the Department of Political Science at the University of Michigan. Awards will be for graduate student support during the period of 5/1/2015-8/31/2015. Preference will be given to graduate students working with junior faculty and to projects that are full collaborations between the faculty member and the graduate student. A list of CPS faculty can be found under the “People” link on the CPS website http://www.isr.umich.edu/cps

**Due date:** Electronic submissions only will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 27, 2015. The award(s) will be announced no later than April 9, 2015. See instructions below.

**Application format and instructions:** Materials (Adobe PDF format is preferred) should be sent in an email attachment to cps-center@umich.edu  The subject line of the e-mail should read:  PIERCE 2015 COMPETITION/last name of faculty/last name of student

**Contents:** Proposals should be no more than 2 pages in length, with the following information appearing at the top of the first page:

- Proposal to the Roy Pierce Scholars Fund, 2015 competition
- Title of project
- Project start and end dates (must be completed by 8/31/2015).
- Faculty sponsor name and contact information (faculty must have appointment in CPS).
- Graduate Student name, and contact information (must be U-M Political Science Graduate Student).

**Brief Project description:** What is the purpose of the project? What is the student’s role on the project and how will the student be enriched by his/her participation? What aspects of the project make it a joint project between the student and the faculty member?

**Student Transcript:** A copy of the student’s current University of Michigan transcript is required.

**Budget:** The proposal should include a simple budget showing the total amount requested by broad category of expense related to the project, i.e., travel, data collection, student salary (hours and rate) etc.

**Final Report:** Recipients will be required to provide a one-page report upon completion of the project, detailing the outcomes of the research and the benefit of the award toward their work.

**Questions:** Please email any questions to cps-center@umich.edu