The Institute for Social Research is pleased to announce the annual competition for the

Garth Taylor Dissertation Fellowship in Public Opinion

In support of Graduate Students at the University of Michigan

The Garth Taylor Dissertation Fellowship in Public Opinion will support a doctoral student at the University of Michigan who is completing his or her dissertation on a topic related to the study of public opinion. The dissertation should be primarily a quantitative study of U.S. public opinion as either a dependent or independent variable. Research can be with national or lower level data as well as part of an international comparative study. The projects should not be primarily methodological. Applicants will be required to have defended their dissertation prospectus before the application date.

Award: $10,000, to support dissertation research and/or living expenses. The incumbent can compete for a second year of the award by reapplying.

Eligibility: Applications will be accepted from graduate students at the University of Michigan whose work involves quantitative analysis of public opinion and having a member of the ISR faculty on their dissertation committee.

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

Application format and instructions: This award is administered by the Center for Political Studies. 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: TAYLOR 2015 COMPETITION/last name of student.

Contents: Proposals should be no more than 5 pages in length, with the following information appearing at the top of the first page:

Proposal for the Garth Taylor Dissertation Fellowship, 2015 competition
Title of dissertation
Graduate Student name, and contact information (must be U-M Graduate Student).
Letter of Recommendation from the chair of the dissertation.

Brief Project description: The project description should include a description of the theoretical focus of the dissertation project and an analysis plan that includes a description of the empirical resources to be used. It should also include a discussion of what the dissertation is likely to contribute to our understanding of public opinion and its role in a democracy.

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.

Renewability: Recipients are eligible to apply for a second year of funding during the subsequent competition. In order to qualify for a second year of support, the recipient must submit a statement of progress with an additional letter of support from the dissertation chair.

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