The Jere Bruner Research Grants in Politics encourage and support rigorous empirical research on political topics by Oberlin students. The grants are open to any student who has been enrolled at Oberlin College for at least two semesters and who intends to remain for at least one additional semester beyond the project.

The analyzed data may be on any area or aspect of politics, not just American politics. Collaborative research projects (among students and between students and faculty members) are permissible, as long as students are collaborators—not research assistants. The purpose of the analysis may be scholarly or applied (e.g. to policy questions of interest to the community or the College).

Recipients are required to submit a 1-2 page summary of their research project. Distribution of funds will follow the established departmental procedures.

**ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**
The grant may be used to offset research and data collection expenses. The grant cannot be used to purchase equipment. Expense examples: library expenses, entry fees to museums, copy machines.
- Local transportation expenses between Oberlin and the site of the collection and/or analysis* (libraries/museums).

**APPLICATION PROCESS**
- Consult with a member of the Politics Department as soon as possible to discuss the project and develop your final proposal.
- Indicate whether the project involves the use of human subjects and list protocol approval date.**

**PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE:**
- Your name and contact information
- Statement of the research objective, needed data, and projected analysis routine (3 pg max)
- Statement of previous or current work you have undertaken on this project (1 pg max)
- List of previous relevant courses (and respective grades)
- A one-page itemized budget
- A letter from a Politics faculty member willing to sponsor your project
- Indicate whether the project involves the use of human subjects and list protocol approval date:
  - [ ] Not applicable  [ ] IRB approval requested ______________ date

**DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 by 4pm**
Email proposal to Tracy Tucker, (ttucker@oberlin.edu) Politics Department.

*Per Oberlin College’s Temporary Travel Policy 2020-21: After arriving to campus for the semester, students are not permitted to travel outside of greater Cleveland.

**All projects involving the use of human subjects must adhere to the College’s policies regarding the use of human subjects as determined by the Institutional Review Board (IRB). IRB approval does not need to be included with the application, but must be received before any research involving human subjects can begin or funding.