

O'Connor Grant Proposals

The Sociology Department announces a competition for funds to support student research and travel as well as other innovative projects. The project must be related to the theme of social justice, broadly conceived, that is, the maldistribution of economic resources, political power, and cultural respect as well as strategies to correct these inequities.

The department is allocating \$4000 from the Daniel Patrick O'Connor Memorial Lectureship Endowed Fund for this purpose and will fund at least four proposals of up to \$1000 this academic year. Applicants must be declared sociology majors. Applicants may have applied and received funds previously, but may not receive more than \$1000 from O'Connor funds during their college career. While projects may involve thesis research, the department also welcomes proposals for other kinds of research and activities. Projects involving research must be done under the supervision of a member of the Colorado College sociology faculty.

Proposals must include: 1) a detailed description of the proposed project and an explanation of its link to issues of social justice; 2) a budget detailing specific categories of expected expenses (transportation, lodging, fees, materials, etc.) and amounts associated with these expenses; 3) when the research will take place; 4) a copy of your transcript; 5) and – in the case of a research project – a supporting letter from the professor who has agreed to supervise it.

The deadlines for O'Connor Grant proposals are the first Mondays of Blocks 2 and 4. If the entire \$4000 has not been allocated in Block 4, there will be one more round of competition in the academic year. The deadline for the third and final round will be the first Monday of Block 8. Proposals should be sent to Laura Foster, the Sociology Department staff assistant.

O'Connor Grant recipients are encouraged to report their findings to a Sociology Department Student Colloquium.