



Field Research on a Budget

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Workshop Structure

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Graduate Student Senate

"The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is comprised of senators from all departments and programs on campus that have graduate programs on the master and doctoral level. Through regular meetings, the senate seeks to improve graduate student life and research on campus through student initiatives and research grant funding."

http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss



GSS Awards http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-awards

- Domestic Travel Award
 - ▶ \$500 non-competitive award to present at a conference in the contiguous U.S. and adjacent Canadian provinces.
- International Travel Award
 - \$1,500 competitive award to present anywhere not covered by the DTA.
- Research Award
 - > \$2,000 competitive award to support research or project-related expenses domestically and internationally.

GSS International Travel Award

Funding for individuals presenting, performing, or actively participating at professional conferences, competitions, festivals, performance tours, or workshops related to their academic program or specialized interests.

- Summer 2017 Award Deadline: April 24th by 11:59pm
- Components: Online Funding Form, Proof of Registration, 2-page Personal Statement, CV, Class Schedule, One Letter of Recommendation, Additional Materials.
- Two tips to secure funding:
 - Follow Directions
 - Go Above and Beyond

ITA – Following Directions

- Read the Guidelines and Rubric
- Be Aware of Award Time and Purpose
- Blinding Materials
- Meeting Deadlines
 - Including your letter of recommendation

ITA - Above and Beyond

- Letter of Recommendation(s)
- A <u>Full</u>, <u>Accurate</u>, and <u>Informed</u> Budget
- A Perfected Statement
 - Proofread!
 - Written to a General Audience
 - State Financial Need
- No such thing as over-prepared.

GSS Research Award

A competitive award that supports research or project-related expenses for Kent State University graduate students.

- Spring Award Deadline: March 6, 2017 by 11:59 PM
- Components:
 - Letter of Recommendation (usually from adviser)
 - Research Award Application (online)
 - Budget
 - CV
 - Proposal

GSS Research Award

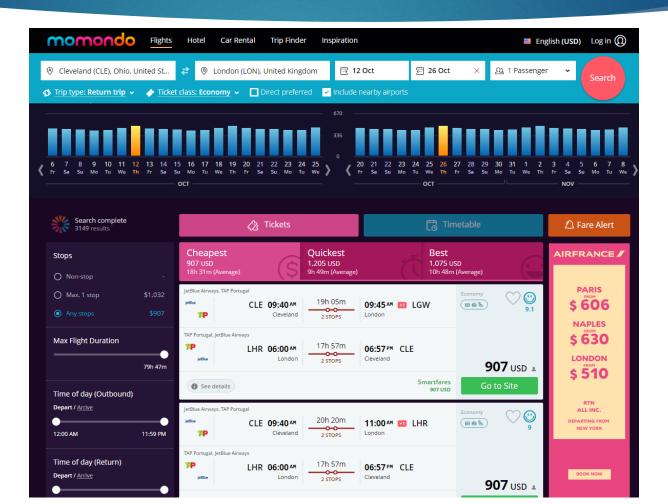
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- Watch out for:
 - Follow directions and be aware of conditions
 - Know how to properly "blind" an application
 - Give plenty of time to adviser for letter of recommendation
 - Make sure the proposal is compelling and avoids "techno speak"
 - Use space effectively to explain the need for your research
 - Seriously. Follow directions!

Finding Funding

- Departments
- Pivot
- Other grants
- Faculty partnerships
- Calls for specific research

Transportation - Flights - momondo.com



Transportation - Flights - statravel.com



Toll Free at 800.781.4040

MON - FRI: 5am - 6pm (PST) 8am-9pm (EST) SAT: 5am-6pm (PST) 8am-9pm (EST) & SUN: 7am -6pm (PST) 10am - 9pm (EST)





Q	BOS → LON	🛅 17 Jul 17	2 1 Student	One-way Flight	EDIT SEARCH

Showing +/- 3 days on your flexible search

All prices are per person incl. taxes & fees

BOS	Depart									
LON	Fri 14 Jul	Sat 15 Jul	Sun 16 Jul	Mon 17 Jul	Tue 18 Jul	Wed 19 Jul	Thu 20 Jul			
	USD 261. 30	USD 248. 28	USD 200. 41	USD 186. 10	USD 190. 60	USD 247. 10	CHEAPEST USD 155. 30			

< SEARCH FOR EARLIER DATES SEARCH FOR LATER DATES >

Public Transportation is Your Friend

- Before you travel look for:
 - Public transit system maps
 - Passes
 - Student Fares
 - Apps
 - Transit
- Don't just assume; Check:
 - Flights
 - Trains
 - Buses
 - Rideshares
 - Ferries



Accommodation

- Dos
 - Airbnb
 - University Housing
 - Hostels
 - Check Reviews
 - Context
- Don'ts
 - Conference Hotels
 - Context



Food Tips

Know your per diem

Get out of the city center or tourist areas if possible

Grocery stores are your friends

Bring food with you!



Thank You!

Questions Please

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