



# 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Full, Accurate, and Informed 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



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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

The screenshot displays the momondo.com website interface for flight searches. At the top, navigation links include 'Flights', 'Hotel', 'Car Rental', 'Trip Finder', and 'Inspiration'. The user's language is set to 'English (USD)' and they are logged in. The search parameters are: From 'Cleveland (CLE), Ohio, United St...', To 'London (LON), United Kingdom', Depart '12 Oct', Return '26 Oct', and 1 Passenger. The trip type is 'Return trip', ticket class is 'Economy', and options include 'Direct preferred' and 'Include nearby airports'. Below the search bar, a calendar view shows the selected dates. The search results are categorized into 'Cheapest', 'Quickest', and 'Best' options. The 'Cheapest' option is highlighted, showing a price of 907 USD for a JetBlue Airways flight with 2 stops, departing at 09:40 AM from Cleveland and arriving at 09:45 AM in London. The 'Quickest' option is 1,205 USD and the 'Best' option is 1,075 USD. A sidebar on the left offers filters for 'Stops' (Non-stop, Max. 1 stop, Any stops), 'Max Flight Duration' (79h 47m), and 'Time of day (Outbound/Return)'. A 'Fare Alert' section on the right promotes deals for Paris, Naples, and London. The bottom of the page features a 'Go to Site' button and a 'BOOK NOW' button.

**momondo** Flights Hotel Car Rental Trip Finder Inspiration

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Trip type: Return trip Ticket class: Economy Direct preferred Include nearby airports

Search complete 3149 results

**Cheapest**  
907 USD  
18h 31m (Average)

**Quickest**  
1,205 USD  
9h 49m (Average)

**Best**  
1,075 USD  
10h 48m (Average)

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TAP Portugal, JetBlue Airways  
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907 USD

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All prices are per person incl. taxes & fees

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	USD 261.30	USD 248.28	USD 200.41	USD 186.10	USD 190.60	USD 247.10	<b>CHEAPEST</b> USD 155.30

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# 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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