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For Public Service

Case Study Research and Grant Program

The Graham Center for Public Service will award up to 10 research grants to University of Florida faculty and graduate students to generate original case studies for inclusion in an online library for use in classroom learning.

The case studies developed at the Graham Center will draw upon journalistic and academic accounts and interviews with key participants to describe the actual experiences of individual citizens or groups who have sought to influence the actions and decisions of governments in Florida and elsewhere. Cases will be chosen based on the pedagogic value of the case. Teachers at the secondary and higher education levels throughout the state and nation will utilize these case studies. The cases will promote student discussion and analysis of the issues involved in policy advocacy including building political coalitions, mobilizing resources and citizen support, framing policy issues, and using the media to effectively communicate policy positions.

What are case studies? The case study method of teaching is used extensively by the nation's colleges and universities to illustrate the issues and dynamics inherent in the critical choices facing business and government. Case studies are written analyses of a situation confronting an individual, organization, government official or entity, followed by a description of the tactics and strategies employed by the main characters to solve problems and issues arising from the situation. The case studies we are seeking will describe grass-root efforts by citizens and groups to effect policy or political change at any level of government. Please refer to the "What Makes a Good Case" handout for more information. Examples of recent case studies archived by the Kennedy School are also available. Access to case studies and information about their use can also be obtained at the Kennedy School's case methods website <http://www.ksgcase.harvard.edu/>

What does the Graham Center expect from grantees? It is expected that case study scholars will research and write their case studies and instructor guides during the summer of 2009. Grant recipients are required to attend a training workshop in July and a workshop in September where case scholars will share their results with others and gather feedback on their initial drafts. The final draft of the case studies and instructor guides are due no later than October 15 and will be archived in the Center's online Academic library.

Successful applicants will receive \$4,000. That money can take the form of salary or case development expenses.

Eligibility: The Graham Center anticipates awarding grants to faculty and graduate level students. Applications from Ph.D. level graduate students are preferred, however; we will consider exemplary case studies from graduate students pursuing an M.A. or M.S. We encourage faculty and graduate students from every discipline to apply.

Application: Potential grantees must complete an application packet that includes this application form, the case study proposal and budget, a copy of the applicant's CV or resume, and a letter of support from the applicant's chair (faculty) or graduate committee chair (students). Applications are due in the Graham Center office, 220 Pugh Hall, no later than 4:30 pm, Monday May 11, 2009.

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Case Study Grant Application

Name (last, first, middle name/initial):	UFID Number:
Department or Local Address (Street Address):	
City, State, Zip Code:	Phone Number:
Department Affiliation and Rank:	
E-mail Address:	

Procedure:

- 1.) Attach a case study proposal. The proposal should include the tentative title for your cases and should not exceed 3 single spaced typed pages. Proposals should include a statement of the event or issue that is entailed in the case study and its significance as a learning exercise. Please refer to the case development outline as a guide to preparing your proposal. Include a summary of the methods you plan to use to obtain the information included in your study.
- 2.) Attach a basic budget that details any research related costs.
- 3.) Include a copy of your most current resume or curriculum vitae.
- 4.) Attach a letter of support from your department or graduate committee chair.

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