

**George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP)**  
**Call for Proposals for the 2007-08 Policy Research Scholar Competition**  
**November 2006**

The George Washington Institute of Public Policy (GWIPP) announces a new round of its Policy Research Scholar competition. The competition, based on a short 1-2 page application (see below for details), is open to all GW full-time regular-active status faculty including research faculty. (Former Policy Research Scholars are eligible to apply.) Those selected will be given the title of Policy Research Scholar and serve in that capacity for a one year period. Policy Research Scholars will receive \$8,000 in resources. Policy-related research is defined very broadly, as indicated by the winning topics from earlier cohorts of Policy Research Scholars. (For a list of previous winning proposals and other information about the program, see GWIPP's website: <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp>.)

In addition to our broad policy focus, the Policy Research Scholar program now features two extensions. The Center for Washington Area Studies (CWAS) is supporting the funding of at least one Policy Research Scholar whose project addresses a topic explicitly relevant to the Washington, D.C. area. Also, GWIPP along with the GW Center for International Business Education and Research (GW-CIBER) are supporting the funding of Policy Research Scholars whose project addresses a topic relevant to international business policy.

**Objectives of the Policy Research Scholar Program:** The purpose of the Policy Research Scholar program is to increase the amount of externally funded policy-related research at The George Washington University. To that end, Policy Research Scholars will be provided with significant resources to enable them to prepare and submit fundable proposals for policy-related research.

**Why You Should Apply:** Those selected as Policy Research Scholars will receive substantial benefits in the form of either course release for up to two courses or summer stipend or some combination of the two. Policy Research Scholars will also be given the assistance of the GWIPP Policy Research Program staff in preparing research proposals, budgets, and arranging university sign-offs as well as managing the award when it is received. There is also the possibility of receiving research support from graduate research assistants who will be assigned to the Policy Research Scholars on an as needed basis.

Resources can be in \$4,000 units as follows: A scholar may choose to have her or his course load reduced, with each course reduction being covered by \$4,000 made available to the scholar's department or unit to cover costs of replacement faculty and/or other educational expenses. Funds not allocated for course reduction can be paid to the scholar in the form of a summer stipend. Thus, a scholar could opt for a two course load reduction for the academic year, \$8000 in summer stipend, or a single course reduction and \$4,000 in summer stipend. Policy Research Scholars who opt to receive the full

\$8,000 in summer stipend will normally be expected to teach no more than one course during the summer so that they can devote most of their time to their Policy Research Scholar responsibilities.

**Responsibilities of Policy Research Scholars:** Policy Research Scholars will be expected to prepare at least one proposal for externally funded policy-related research during their tenure and to engage in policy research. Scholars are also expected to present an informal talk on their proposal to the other Policy Research Scholars during the grant writing stage of their tenure (as a means of receiving useful feedback) and to attend the talks given by other Policy Scholars.

**Application Procedure:** Applicants should produce a brief description (1-2 pages) of the proposed research project, including potential funding sources. The proposal should specify whether the applicant seeks a course reduction, summer stipend, or a combination. In addition, a curriculum vitae should be included with the application, along with a list of any previous proposals submitted for external funding, to whom they were submitted, the amount, and whether they were successful. (A past record of grant submission and success is not a necessary requirement for becoming a Policy Research Scholar.) Finally, the application must also include a cover sheet that has been signed by the applicant's Chair and the applicant's Dean indicating their approval of the application. Applications are due by **Friday, December 15th, 2006**. The term of the award will begin Fall semester 2007. (Summer 2007 is also a possible beginning date for those who choose a summer stipend.)

Application cover sheet forms can be downloaded from the GWIPP website at: <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/prs0708cover.doc>. Applications should be submitted to Garry Young, Associate Director, George Washington Institute of Public Policy, 616 Media and Public Affairs Building.

**Selection Criteria:** Selection of the Policy Research Scholars will be made by a selection committee consisting of a GW faculty. Selection criteria include the importance of the research topic, quality of the proposal and the probability of securing external funding.

**Where to Obtain Additional Information:** Further information about the program can be found at the Policy Research Scholar section of the GWIPP website: <http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp>. For further information, please contact Garry Young (4-6494; YoungG@gwu.edu).