Guidelines for NSSP Funded Research Project 2018-19

NSSP students who are U.S. citizens and in good academic standing are eligible for grant funding for individual research conducted under supervision of a faculty member and resulting in an 8-10-page paper on an issue of importance to global, national, or human security. The paper should explain and support your critical judgements about the issue, and/or policy recommendations. Here is the timeline for this year’s projects.

Phase 1: Proposal Development By November 1, 2018

1. In consultation with an NSSP advisor choose a topic and narrow it down to a feasible research question. NSSP advisors include Frank Gilfeather, Ken Carpenter, Alina Bloom, and Judith Yandoh
2. Consult with an NSSP advisor in choosing a faculty supervisor to work with if necessary
3. Explore preliminary academic source materials
4. Write a 2-3-page research project proposal and submit it to NSSP advisor and faculty supervisor, including:
   - Tentative title
   - What: draft thesis statement, including your preliminary research question
   - Why: paragraph describing the significance of this research
   - Tentative outline—no more than one page
   - Estimated timeline for completion
   - Bibliography of at least four tentative sources, with brief description of the content of each to show where you are getting your information
5. If proposal is approved by NSSP and faculty supervisor, student may apply for a $500 stipend

Phase 2: First Draft By February 1, 2019

1. Conduct research, write first draft, and submit to faculty advisor and NSSP. At least 10 pages, 1.5 spaced with bibliography of at least 8 academic sources
2. If approved by NSSP and faculty supervisor, student may apply for another $500 stipend

Phase 3: Final Draft By March 1, 2019

1. Revise and turn in final draft
2. If approved by NSSP and faculty supervisor, student may apply for another $500 stipend

Phase 4: Publish and Brief Research Results March-April 2019

1. Prepare final publishable paper and have it reviewed by NSSP advisor
2. Prepare an oral briefing to be presented at the NSSP Security Symposium in April
3. If the paper is chosen for publication and briefing, student may apply for the final $500 stipend. If a briefing cannot be arranged at the Symposium or other venue, student may apply for a $400 stipend for the paper