



Call for Applications for the 2016 Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship Program

The Cline Center for Democracy is pleased to announce the 2016 Schroeder Summer Graduate Fellowship Program. This fellowship is made possible by a generous gift from William A. and Paul W. Schroeder.

The aim of the Schroeder fellowship program is to enhance the quality of rigorous research on topics that fall within on-going research programs at the Cline Center and to aid students in generating original and publishable research at an early stage in their graduate career. To achieve these objectives the Schroeder fellowship will provide a \$4,000 stipend during the summer covered by the award, office space at the Cline Center, computer support, and access to the Center's data archives and staff. As many as two awards may be given during the summer of 2016; *recipients must agree to forego any other type of employment during the period of the fellowship.*

Applicants are strongly encouraged to propose research projects that utilize [Cline Center data resources](#) (e.g., SPEED civil unrest data, Rule of Law data, Composition of Religious and Ethnic Groups data). While preference will be given to students who have successfully completed at least two years in the Ph. D. program, any UIUC political science graduate student is eligible to be considered for this fellowship. An orientation session will be held to introduce students to the Cline Center's resources and on-going research programs in Room 404 DKH at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Interested students are strongly encouraged to attend, and should contact Sheila Roberts (265-7846 or sarobert@illinois.edu) to register for the session.

To be considered for a Schroeder Summer Fellowship students should provide:

- A letter of application;
- A brief description of the proposed fellowship project, along with a brief statement about your longer-term research interests and goals (no more than 2-3 single-spaced pages total);
- A curriculum vitae;
- The names of two UIUC Political Science faculty members who can serve as references.

Application materials will be reviewed by a faculty committee and will be evaluated on the basis of the academic record of the student, the merits of the proposed research, and its alignment with on-going research programs at the Cline Center.

Application packets should be emailed to Sheila Roberts at the Cline Center for Democracy (sarobert@illinois.edu) and are due no later than 5:00pm on February 29, 2016.