Proposal for IPAF 4900 Research Experience Course Offering

Instructions for faculty member proposing the research experience:

1. Please fill out the information about the research experience requested in the form below. The completed form will be posted on the IPAF 4900 web site. When completing the form, please don’t include anything you would not wish to have posted in a public place.
2. Forward the form to your undergraduate supervisor for approval. For faculty members in units without undergraduate programs, please forward to your chair or director.

Instructions for undergraduate supervisor:

1. Please review the research experience to make sure that the information provided is clear, and that the research experience provides a meaningful learning opportunity for the student, and is in other respects satisfactory.
2. Once you are satisfied with the proposed research experience course offering, forward this document to FPA.Research.Experience@carleton.ca (the Office of the Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs), indicating your approval of the research experience.

Submission deadlines for this form are March 31st (for projects to be carried out in the summer term or the fall term), July 15th (for projects in the fall or the winter term) and October 15th (for projects in the winter or the summer term).

Next steps:

You will be notified once the project is posted on the IPAF web site. Please bring it to the attention of potential candidates.

The application deadlines for students to apply for IPAF 4900 are April 30th (for IPAF 4900 opportunities in the summer or fall term), August 15th (for fall and winter term opportunities) and November 15th (to take IPAF 4900 in the winter or summer term).

Successful applicants are chosen by the undergraduate supervisor, together with the supervising faculty member. When the supervising faculty member is the undergraduate supervisor, the Associate Dean, Planning and Curriculum will assist in choosing the successful applicant.
IPAF 4900: Research Experience Opportunity

Project Title: Currency Internationalization and the Welfare State: the domestic foundations of a top currency

Term: Fall 2017

Supervisor: Randall Germain

Unit: PSCI

Description of project:
To produce a literature review of research on the evolution of welfare systems in Britain, America and China; help integrate this material with data already collected for a paper on this topic; help edit and proof-read paper

Number of students required: One

Research duties:
The student shall undertake a literature review on the development of welfare provision in Britain (1880-1930), America (1950-2015) and China (1980-2015); write up the results in the form of a 10 page review essay; assist in the integration of this material with existing paper on this topic; help to edit and proof-read revised draft

Time allocation shall be approximately 5 hours per week throughout the term, plus five hours set aside for meetings.

Learning and reflection activities:
The student will meet regularly with the professor over the semester to assess progress towards the project; he or she will keep an annotated log of works read; and will develop a 10 page literature review due sometime during the middle of November. Direct work on integrating this material with the existing paper will occur from late November through to mid-December

Learning outcomes:
Knowledge of scholarship on welfare state development and the political economy of currency internationalization; critical literature review skills; integration of literature and data; development of research to a peer review publication quality manuscript.

Evaluation Criteria:
Annotated Log of readings (25%); preparation for and participation in meetings (15%); editorial and proof-reading work (10%); literature review (50%).
Skills or knowledge required:

Knowledge of theoretical debates in field of International political economy and international relations; some knowledge of the political economy of currencies; demonstrated capacity for clear writing and strong analytical skills.

Any required health and safety training: No

Other considerations: Ability to work well independently

Application instructions:
Participants are selected on the basis of merit and fit with the research project. Please submit a CV, transcript, and cover letter indicating why you are interested in and qualified for this research experience to the undergraduate administrator of the unit listed above. The application deadline is normally April 30th (for IPAF 4900 opportunities in the summer or fall term), August 15th (for fall and winter term opportunities) and November 15th (to take IPAF 4900 in the winter or summer term). Only students with a GPA of 9.5 or higher and at least third year honours standing will be considered.

To find out more about IPAF 4900, please visit: http://carleton.ca/fpa/ipaf-main/