The Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (DEPC) invites Ohio State faculty and graduate students to submit proposals for funded research. The DEPC grant program focuses on supporting academic research on issues related to the reform of criminal and civil laws prohibiting or regulating the use and distribution of traditionally illicit drugs. The center supports scholarship that examines the impact of modern drug laws, policies and enforcement on personal freedoms and human well-being.

The center aims to support 3-5 research projects each academic year. Standard awards will range between $2,500 – $10,000. The deadline for submissions is October 14, 2018.

**PROPOSAL FORMAT**

Proposals should clearly state the purpose of the proposed research and how it relates to the mission of DEPC; methodology to be used to conduct the research; and a section describing contributions such research would make to the field. Proposals should also describe the anticipated products, including, but not limited to, academic papers, book chapters, white papers or external large grant proposals. Proposals should be no more than 3 pages in length, in addition to a budget and CV(s). Graduate student submissions should include a brief (one paragraph) endorsement from a faculty advisor.

Complete proposals should be submitted to Jana Hrdinova at hrdinova.1@osu.edu.

**RESEARCH PRODUCT**

Regardless of form, the research product should help its reader gain deeper understanding of an issue and its impact. Original research and data collection is encouraged, although secondary analysis of publicly available data is acceptable. Award recipients are expected to submit a two page executive summary of their findings that could be published on the center’s website. Recipients might also be asked to present their findings at a center-sponsored event. The final product has to be received by the center 12 months after the award announcement. Requests for extensions need to be submitted in writing.

**PAYMENT OF GRANT PROCEEDS**

Payment of grant proceeds will be tailored based on the circumstances of each awardee to ensure compliance with university and college policies. For proposals with more than one author, the division of grant money will be equal, unless requested otherwise by all awardees on the proposal.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Project investigators agree that any subsequent publications based upon this research will acknowledge support as follows:

“This study was supported by a grant from the Ohio State Drug Enforcement and Policy Center.”

If you have any questions about this request for proposals, including whether your research is appropriate for a DEPC grant, your budget, and so on, please contact Jana Hrdinova at hrdinova.1@osu.edu.