

SIGMA DELTA PI
Graduate Research Grants (SUMMER 2009 OR ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-10)

Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, is pleased to announce its graduate research grant program for summer 2009 and academic year 2009-10. Eligible graduate students who are active members of Sigma Delta Pi may apply for one of three grants of up to \$2000 each to support travel to Spain or Spanish America for the sole purpose of research related to Hispanic Studies.

RULES GOVERNING THE RESEARCH GRANT COMPETITION

CRITERIA. To be eligible to receive one of the research grants, a graduate student must meet the following minimal requirements: (1) must specialize in Hispanic Studies; (2) must be an active (elected) member of Sigma Delta Pi; (3) must have a superior academic record; (4) must be enrolled on February 2, 2009 as a full-time graduate student; (5) must have earned grades in at least 6 semester or 9 quarter hours of graduate Spanish courses; (6) must be nominated in writing by the chapter adviser; (7) must submit five copies of a fully completed official application form **together with** all required documentation. Undergraduate students are not eligible for the research grants.

PREVIOUS WINNERS, WHETHER THEY ACCEPTED OR DECLINED A RESEARCH GRANT, MAY NOT APPLY.

OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM. Applicants must use the official 2009 research grant application form distributed with this announcement.

DUPLICATION OF APPLICATION FORMS. Forms may be duplicated by local chapters.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS. All applications must be postmarked not later than February 2, 2009. Those postmarked after this date will not be considered.

JUDGING APPLICATIONS. A committee of three judges will be appointed by Professor Comfort Pratt, Director of the Sigma Delta Pi Research Grant Competition, for the 2008/09 academic year. Working independently and with a given set of criteria, the judges will select the grant recipients. Their decision will be final.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS. Winners will be notified around April 1, 2009.

USE OF RESEARCH GRANTS. Sigma Delta Pi research grants MUST be used solely for the purposes stated in the awardee's original application (e.g., for study in Spain or Spanish America, exact location[s], length of time specified, etc.) and for research purposes only. Permission will not be granted to alter the originally proposed research plan. Sigma Delta Pi's research grants are non-transferable. Each awardee will receive half of the amount of their grant prior to their research trip, and the remaining half at the completion of their trip and after their photo and essay have been submitted (see below).

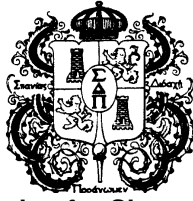
RESPONSIBILITIES OF WINNERS. By **October 1, 2009**, each grant recipient **must send** via e-mail to Dr. Mark P. Del Mastro (delmastrom@citadel.edu) a passport-size photograph (.jpg or .gif file) and an essay (Word format) of approximately 200 words in Spanish reporting on their research trip and the related work completed. The photo and essay will be published in the subsequent issue of Sigma Delta Pi's annual journal, Entre Nosotros.

Awardees unable to undertake the research made possible by the grant must inform the Executive Secretary-Treasurer (delmastrom@citadel.edu) immediately and return any funding already received.

WHERE TO SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS. **FIVE SEPARATE STAPLED SETS** of the completed application and required documentation must be forwarded **together** to:

**Dr. Comfort Pratt
Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction
Texas Tech University
PO BOX 41071
Lubbock, TX 79409-1071**

**THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND ALL RELATED MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER
OR THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**



Application for Sigma Delta Pi
Graduate Research Grant

NOTICE: After completing this application, please make four photocopies of this form, the transcript(s), the letter of nomination from your chapter adviser, and the letters of recommendation. Send them together with the originals as **SEPARATE STAPLED SETS (5 copies in all)** to:

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X _____ SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

My signature above certifies that:

- a. I have read and completely understand "Form 1-B" circulated with this application form.
- b. I am a graduate student in Hispanic Studies.
- c. I am an active (elected) member of Sigma Delta Pi.
- d. I am enrolled as a full-time graduate student on February 2, 2009.

1. Full name _____

2. Present (school) address _____

_____ Telephone (_____) _____

Permanent e-mail _____ Until what date will you be at the above address? _____

3. Permanent (home) address _____

_____ Telephone (_____) _____

When will you be at this address? _____

If your address changes, please notify us immediately and provide a telephone number.

4. The name and school address of my Sigma Delta Pi chapter adviser is:

e-mail _____ Telephone (_____) _____

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

TRANSCRIPTS: Include with your application one original certified copy and four photocopies—**5 copies in all**—of an updated transcript from your current graduate program. **Please do not ask registrars to forward copies since they sometimes arrive after the deadline.**

1. Number of semester /quarter (check one) hours of graduate Spanish courses completed: _____

2. Grade point average in all graduate Spanish courses completed: _____ on a base of _____

3. Other academic honors (grants, scholarships, awards, etc.) _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List here your extracurricular activities. Please make special mention of your participation in the activities of your Sigma Delta Pi chapter.

REFERENCES

Enclose with this application the original and four copies—**5 copies in all**—of letters of recommendation from two of your college Spanish professors who can attest to your scholastic achievements and ability to conduct research.

CHAPTER ENDORSEMENT

Enclose with this application the original and four copies—**5 copies in all**—of a letter from your Sigma Delta Pi chapter adviser stating that your chapter recommends you for a Sigma Delta Pi research grant. The letter must focus on your participation in the chapter's activities and highlight specific contributions you have made to the chapter.

TITLE OF PROPOSED RESEARCH PROJECT

Have you been granted funding for this project from one or more sources? ___Yes ___ No

If yes, please specify amount(s) awarded and source(s):

RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Please attach your research proposal, which must not exceed two (2) single-spaced pages and must include the following sections:

1. Abstract
2. Introduction to the project and rationale
3. Methodology
4. Significance
5. Work Plan
6. References
7. How a Sigma Delta Pi research grant will help complete the project

Please include the original and 4 copies – 5 total – of this proposal with your complete application.

RESEARCH BUDGET

Please itemize your estimated expenses below for each category. Beneath each estimate, please describe the basis for each cost estimate and the source (expedia.com, AAA travel agency, etc.).

Transportation

Air fare: \$ _____

Misc.: \$ _____

Basis & Source:

Lodging: \$ _____

Basis & Source:

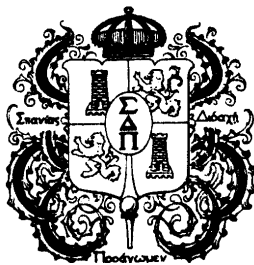
Meals: \$ _____

Basis & Source

Supplies: \$ _____

Basis & Source

Total amount requested: \$ _____ (can not exceed \$2,000)



2009 SIGMA DELTA PI GRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS Chapter Adviser Ranking Form

For chapters with more than one applicant, chapter advisers must complete, sign and date the following ranking form. #1 refers to the most outstanding applicant as judged by the chapter adviser and based upon the information provided with the candidate's application packet. Please rank your chapter's applicants by filling in their names in the appropriate numbered spaces below:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____

Signature of Chapter Adviser

Date

College or University

Chapter

DEADLINE: This form and four copies—5 copies in all—must be postmarked no later than **February 2, 2009**. **Forms received after this date will disqualify the applications of all students from the chapter in question.**

Chapter Adviser, please send this completed form and four copies—**5 copies in all**—to:

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Chapters with multiple applicants must have their chapter adviser complete this form for their applications to be considered.