

Attention 1st and 2nd Year Students

JEFFERSON PUBLIC CITIZENS EXPLORATORY GRANTS 2012-13 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Jefferson Public Citizens Program (JPC) is a comprehensive academic public service program for all UVa undergraduates who want to put their learning into action. The JPC program is pleased to announce Exploratory Grants for 2012-13. The purpose of these grants is to provide an opportunity and funds for students to explore or further develop a public service research project. Students may wish to use the funds to pilot a study, pay for travel to a research location or meet with a community partner, or pay for other costs associated with JPC proposal development. The funds are intended to help defray the costs of further developing a project idea. Awards are **up to \$750**, and funds are awarded based on the quality of the proposal.

Example Exploratory Project:

Developing a Sustainable Business Strategy for Women in Monduli, Tanzania

This project focuses on a group of widows in Monduli, Tanzania that makes jewelry. The exploratory group's preliminary research will include developing a business model for the women and seeking possible market connections. Students will study the economic feasibility of internationally operating a small community business in Africa.

Eligibility: The application process is open to first-, or second-year students. Third-year students may be considered in some cases. Group or individual applications are welcome.

Exploratory Proposal Description: In a **maximum of 500 words** describe the JPC project or opportunity you wish to explore. A strong proposal will describe the elements of your planned work and how you intend to carry out the work. For example, it may include your goals and objectives, your activities, your intended outcomes, and your timeline.

Grant Requirements: Recipients will be expected to write a short report about their exploratory work within one year of the award date.

Submission Procedures: Send your application as an email attachment to Brian Cullaty, Associate Director of Jefferson Public Citizens Program, brc7q@virginia.edu. In your email message please include **your name(s), your current mailing address, and your phone number**. A complete application should include the following:

- Proposal (attached to the email)
- Unofficial transcript(s) from SIS (attached as a PDF to the email)
- Itemized budget of how the funds will be spent

Deadline: Students may submit an exploratory grant proposal any time. Proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis.