STUDENT RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT FUND (SREF)

The Peace and Justice Studies Program fosters scholarship, activism, and other forms of civic engagement through an undergraduate major and Certificate that includes intensive coursework and field experience. PJS believes a vital element of learning includes the pursuit of independent work. The Student Research and Engagement Fund (SREF) provides small grants for PJS students to conduct and report on independent research and engagement activities that are connected to their peace and justice scholarship.

Students may apply individually ($1,500 max.) or in teams ($3,200 max.). SREF awards may be used, but are not limited to support senior theses, extend an internship beyond the end of a semester, complete travel during semester breaks to conduct a study project, or participate in a social justice initiative in the Boston area or well beyond. Awardees will report on their completed projects at a public forum, and will produce a written assessment of their project at that time.

A PJS faculty selection committee will review application submissions. Preference for SREF awards is given to, but not limited to, PJS students with demonstrated and documented financial need. Similarly, preference is given to proposals that emerge from or are inspired by PJS courses and activities.

SREF was established in honor of a 2009 graduate of PJS in appreciation for the guidance, support, and inspiration she experienced as a member of the PJS community from 2005 to 2009.

The application deadline for the SREF funding cycle is April 29, 2011. Projects must be completed, including the public forum and written report, before Nov. 18, 2011. Graduating seniors are eligible to apply; all applicants must meet the time period requirements. Team submissions will include a jointly-written proposal, and individual application forms (see over). The form is also available at http://pjs.tufts.edu Send all materials as attachments to pjs@tufts.edu.
SREF Application

*Your name __________________ *ID #_________________

*Local address ________________________________________________

*Phone number/Cell # ____________________________________________

*Year/month of expected graduation __________________________________

*Are you presently receiving Tufts Financial aid? Yes ____; No _____

Two-page proposal (please attach) and address the following:
1. What do you propose to do?
2. Where will your project/activity take place?
3. What is the beginning and end date?
4. What courses have you taken that inform this proposed project/activity?
5. How is your project/activity connected to and informed by questions that have emerged from your participation in peace and justice studies?
6. How will your project/activity contribute to and deepen your learning about peace and justice issues?
7. What will you produce or create to explain your project/activity? [Note: Awardees will do an oral presentation to a public forum in addition to presenting a written or creative product.]
8. An itemized budget.

Student[s] signature: ____________________________________________

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*If this is a group project/experience, please attach additional sheets with this information.