



Research Grants Available for Projects on the Career, Policies and Politics of Sen. Howard H. Baker, Jr.

The Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy is pleased to announce the availability of grant awards for researchers interested in conducting research centered around the career of the late Senator Howard Baker, Jr. Grants will range from \$500 to \$3,000 and are available to any researcher who develops an academically-sound research proposal. An application form is available below.

Who is qualified to apply and what kind of research projects are eligible?

The competition is open to professionals with a serious interest in studying Senator Baker's career, the policies he helped facilitate or the public service activities he was engaged in, such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Panama Canal Treaty, civility, etc. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or public policy, American Studies scholars, and journalists are among those eligible. The Center encourages graduate students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus to apply. Applicants must be US citizens who reside in the United States.

The grants program does not fund undergraduate or pre-PhD study. Organizations are not eligible. Individuals and research teams are eligible. No institutional overhead or indirect costs may be claimed against a Baker Center Research Grant.

What kind of projects are eligible for consideration?

As a policy center, our primary interest is to fund the study of Senator Baker's career as it relates to his policy work, civility and bipartisanship, and his leadership in the Senate, plus his time as Chief of Staff to President Ronald Reagan and as Ambassador to Japan. Topics might include civility, bipartisanship, analysis, resources and techniques used by leaders, crafting of public policy, prospects for change or continuity in the patterns of leadership and civil discourse, etc. Equally important, the Center encourages proposals that explore Congress and congressional leadership with the creation, implementation, and oversight of public policy.

The Center does not require grant recipients to use historical materials housed in the University of Tennessee's Modern Political Archives (MPA), though this is encouraged. The Baker Center houses UT Libraries' MPA, which holds more than 100 collections, including the papers of Senator Baker. More information about the MPA's holdings can be found at <http://www.lib.utk.edu/special/mpa/>.

The Baker Center has made available on our website <http://bakercenter.utk.edu> (under Leadership and Governance) a series of transcribed interviews conducted from 1992-2002, by former UT Political Science professor, the late Dr. David Welborn. These interviews explored Sen. Baker's career in the Senate and included interviews with President Jimmy Carter, numerous Senators and staffers.

The research for which assistance is sought must be original, resulting in new findings or new interpretation, or both. The grants program was developed to support work intended for publication in some form or for application in a teaching or policy-making setting. We would like to see research produced by grant recipients in books, papers, articles, course lectures, documentaries, and computer software or apps.



What could a Baker Center Research Grant pay for?

A grant is for your use and can cover almost any aspect of a qualified research project, such as travel to conduct research, duplication of research material, purchase of data sets, and costs of clerical, secretarial, research, or transcription assistance, etc. Specifically *excluded* from funding are the purchase of equipment, tuition support, salary support for the principal investigator(s), indirect costs or institutional overhead, travel to professional meetings, and publication subsidies.

Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000 and will be awarded to individuals (not organizations) on a competitive basis. Grants will normally extend for one year. In some circumstances, the Center will make more than one grant to a single individual in consecutive years, but not more than three grants to the same person in a five-year period. Fifty percent of the grant will be awarded at the time of notification and the remaining fifty percent upon receipt of the completed research and *Impact Statement* (see below).

The Internal Revenue Service requires The University of Tennessee to report disbursements of more than \$600 to individuals. Accordingly, we will file a form 1099-MISC reporting grant payments to recipients. If potential recipients prefer to have payments made to a university or other foundation on their behalf, they must submit with their proposal an overhead waiver letter from the responsible official stipulating that no indirect or overhead costs will be charged against the grant. In other words, the entire amount must be paid out to the recipient directly in support of research. The Overhead Waiver Letter should be sent on institutional letterhead as a signed pdf attachment to Nissa Dahlin-Brown at Nissa@utk.edu.

How do I apply?

Use the following [Baker Center Research Grant Application](#) -- and complete the required entries. You may send the application as a Word or pdf attachment in an e-mail directed to Nissa Dahlin-Brown at Nissa@utk.edu. Please include in the Subject Line: "Baker Research Grant Application [insert your surname]." You should receive an answer within 60 days.

When is the deadline?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Please allow 60 days for a response.

How are recipients selected?

Proposals are judged by the significance of the research project; the project's design, plan of work, and dissemination strategy; the applicant's qualifications; the relationship of the project to the Center's program goals and to current work in the field; and, the appropriateness of the budget request for the project's requirements.

Grant recipients agree to...

- Acknowledge the support given by the Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy wherever material is published or presented.
- **IMPORTANT.** Provide an *Impact Statement* upon completion of the project describing how the grant was spent and evaluating the impact of the research project. This 350-500 word statement will be posted on the Center's Web site.



- Furnish The Center with a copy of any book, article, or other publication incorporating research made possible by the grant.
- Cooperate in periodic studies conducted by The Center to evaluate the grants program. This may include writing summaries of research findings for use in other Center publications.
- Permit publication of the research abstract in print and electronic formats.



Baker Center Research Grant Application

1. Applicant Information (Lead Applicant)

Name:

Institutional affiliation (include department):

Faculty rank (if applicable):

Contact email:

*Check here if you are a graduate student ____

2. Project title:

3. Project Abstract (not to exceed 100 words)

4. Amount Requested (not to exceed \$3,000): \$ _____

5. Project Description:

Include the project's primary question(s), goal(s), methods, and anticipated results, demonstrating clearly its importance to our grant program priorities. This is the most essential element of the application. Be sure to explain the project's significance and relationship to existing scholarship. Recommended length: 2-3 pages.

6. Project Budget (not to exceed ½ page) Indicate how funds will be spent and the extent of matching funds available or previous grants, if any.

7. CV/Resume

8. Co-applicant name and institutional affiliation(s) (if applicable):

***Reference Letter.** Graduate students (those who have successfully defended their dissertation proposal) should request a letter of reference from the person directing their dissertation work. The letter should be sent on institutional letterhead as a signed pdf attachment to Nissa Dahlin-Brown at Nissa@utk.edu
Length not to exceed one page.

IMPORTANT: The entire application when printed must **NOT** exceed 10 pages. Applications may be single-spaced. Please use fonts no smaller than 11 point. This total does **NOT** include the reference letter (one additional page) or the Overhead Waiver Letter (one additional page).

Submit the application to Nissa Dahlin-Brown at Nissa@utk.edu