

# Meet the 2022 First Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant Recipients

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The [APSA Committee on the Status of First Generation Scholars in the Profession](#) works to bring focused attention to the ways in which class, economic inequality, and mobility can affect political scientists' ability to thrive educationally and professionally throughout their careers. In November 2022, the Committee matched donations to the APSA Annual Fund to support the professional development of 46 first generation scholars in the political science discipline.

Jeyhun Alizade, Princeton University  
 Arwa Awan, University of Chicago  
 Elise Blasingame, University of Georgia  
 Gözde Böcü, University of Toronto  
 David Bracken, University of California, Davis  
 Trevor Brown, Cornell University  
 Giovanni Castro Irizarry, University of California, Los Angeles  
 Samantha Chapa, University of Houston  
 Chao-yo Cheng, Birkbeck, University of London  
 Heasun Choi, University at Albany, State University of New York  
 Joseph Clarkson, University of Notre Dame  
 Kennia Coronado, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Thomas Flaherty, University of California, San Diego  
 Chi-Shun Fong, Pennsylvania State University  
 Luzmarina Garcia, Florida Atlantic University  
 Aura Gonzalez, Cornell University  
 Sami Gul, University of Rochester  
 Selin Bengi Gumrukcu, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Aleena Khan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 Yuke Li, Yale University  
 Lewis Luartz, University of California, Riverside  
 Francly Luna Diaz, University of Michigan  
 Mary MacDonald, University of Toronto  
 Ali Masood, Oberlin College  
 Spencer McKay, Queen's University  
 Leann McLaren, Duke University  
 Geidy Mendez, University of California, Irvine  
 Karla Mundim, University of Florida  
 Martin Naunov, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 Monique Newton, Northwestern University  
 Naomi Nubin, University of Houston  
 Dilan Okcuoglu, American University  
 Hyemin Park, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Giovanni Pleites-Hernandez, University of North Carolina, Asheville  
 Yanira Rivas Pineda, University of California, Santa Barbara  
 Polly Roark, University of North Texas  
 Daniel Rojas Lozano, University of British Columbia  
 Anttiana Sabeti, Arizona State University  
 Ipek Ece Sener, Washington University in St. Louis  
 Sarang Shah, University of California, Berkeley  
 Sally Sharif, University of Notre Dame  
 James Steur, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
 Cigdem Unal, University of Pittsburgh  
 Everett Vieira, California State University, Fresno  
 Rui Wang, University at Buffalo  
 Yuan Wang, University of Georgia ■

## CALL FOR MENTORS—APSA MENTORING PROGRAM

APSA invites you to serve as a mentor! We welcome mentors at all career levels and across all political science subfields. APSA staff successfully matched 101 mentors and mentees in Fall 2022. We are now looking for more of our members to serve as a mentor in spring 2023. Submit or update your mentor profile to be matched with a mentee in Spring 2023 here: <https://www.apsanet.org/DIVERSITY/APSA-Mentoring-Program/Mentor-Ap-plication>.

The [APSA Mentoring Program](#) seeks to connect undergraduate, graduate students, and junior faculty from all back-

grounds to experienced and senior members of the profession for professional development support on a wide range of academic and career topics. This includes research collaboration, CV support, graduate school advice and experience, and advice on the job market. Having support and guidance is key to the success for women, people of color and first-generation scholars in the profession.

The next enrollment period for individuals seeking a mentor will be in August 2023. If you have any questions about the program, please contact us at [mentoring@apsanet.org](mailto:mentoring@apsanet.org). ■