

SUSTAINABLE NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY

The Tobin Project seeks applications from doctoral students and law students undertaking work related to its initiative on sustainable national security strategy. This program fosters rigorous research on real-world problems about how the U.S. and other states pursue national security in the modern era, given challenges such as fiscal constraints and shifts in the global distribution of political and economic power.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2013.

GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND FORUM IN NATIONAL SECURITY

The Tobin Project seeks to foster innovative interdisciplinary research that addresses major challenges facing society. Toward this end, the Tobin Project builds its research inquiries around questions of lasting public and academic importance—questions whose answers could contribute to understanding and improving public life. While this particular initiative is rooted in research related to U.S. national security strategy, we welcome work that addresses the experiences of other international actors.

- **Economic Elements of National Security Strategy:** How is a state's power affected by trends in the global political economy?
- **Recalibrating Strategy:** How do states successfully bring about significant shifts in their security strategies? What leads a state to make the shifts that it proposes?
- **Regional Security Commitments:** What is the relationship between a state's foreign security commitments (which could encompass political, military, and economic commitments) and its national security? What are the costs and benefits of particular security commitments made by a government?

A more detailed description of research priorities is listed on page two. Doctoral students from *all disciplines* and law students who are considering research on these *and related topics* are strongly encouraged to apply. The Tobin Project's national security initiative works with leading scholars with backgrounds ranging from international relations and comparative politics to history, law, economics, area studies, and management.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AND FORUM

The fellowship is intended to subsidize research expenses and provide general support to graduate students. Most awards will not exceed \$1,500; any additional research costs should be noted in the budget and will be considered if funding is available.

Fellowship recipients will attend regular forum meetings in Cambridge, MA, where they will present final or in-progress outcomes of their research at the Tobin Project's Graduate Student Forum. The forum provides an interdisciplinary seminar-style environment for fellowship recipients and other selected graduate students to receive feedback on their research. The forum will meet approximately once a month during the fall 2013 semester and may continue into the spring 2014 semester.

APPLICATION

- Curriculum vitae
- Project title and short abstract (1 paragraph)
- Research proposal (2–3 pages). Please include the following in the proposal:
 - Research questions, methodology, and initial hypotheses
 - Connection to the Tobin Project's research initiatives
 - Expected outcomes (e.g. journal article, dissertation chapter, etc.) and a timeline
 - Potential impact of the project in the academic literature and/or the policy world
 - Budget
- Name and contact information for faculty adviser(s)

Please e-mail application materials as a single PDF to research@tobinproject.org. In the subject line, please indicate that you are applying to the National Security (NS) Forum.

More information at:
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The following research questions provide further detail on the Tobin Project's national security research priorities. They are not exhaustive, but rather emblematic of the work we hope to support.

The Tobin Project's national security initiative is chaired by Stephen Van Evera (MIT) with co-chairs Benjamin Valentino (Dartmouth) and Jeremi Suri (University of Texas at Austin).

Economic Elements of National Security Strategy

What factors shape the relationship between a state's security and its international and domestic economic power? Ongoing projects in this area include research on the interplay between American power and the U.S. dollar's status as a reserve currency, and research on the potential economic benefits of U.S. military hegemony.

Recalibrating Strategy

How have states facing political and economic constraints at home and abroad recalibrated their national strategies to prepare for future strength? We are particularly interested in work that examines the challenges to recalibration faced by regional or world powers and/or democracies. Analyses of grand strategy, domestic governance, or political economy could all contribute to this line of inquiry.

Regional Security Commitments

What are the political and military costs and benefits that accrue to states from alliances and other security commitments that they make to others? What are the costs and benefits associated with restructuring particular commitments? We are especially interested in work that presents compelling evidence and/or reflects a deep understanding of regional security dynamics.

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