<u>Eligibility</u>
Current Ph.D. students who have not yet taken their PhD qualifying exams, but intend to take the exams within a year of conducting pre-dissertation research, are eligible. This award is to be used only for preliminary research activities and language training as preparation for writing successful dissertation proposals. It is expected that students returning from research funded with an SAJ award will submit dissertation proposals to outside funders during the two semesters following the research funded with the SAJ.

<u>How to Apply</u>

Interested students should work with their advisor to submit a SINGLE PDF by **February 16, 2024** that includes the following materials to DGS Kristin Monroe (kristin.monroe@uky.edu) AND Department Manager Mathias Johnson (mathias.johnson@uky.edu):

1. A 5-page maximum (double-spaced) proposal outlining what will be accomplished during the award period (generally, 6-8 weeks during the summer). The proposal should have a title, clearly articulated research goals and methods, and should explain how the summer work will inform the future dissertation project.
2. An itemized budget to undertake the proposed pre-dissertation research; and
3. A current CV.

<u>Reporting Requirement</u>
At the completion of the award period—no later than three weeks after returning to UK—the recipient must submit a 4-5 page (double-spaced) report describing what was accomplished during the award period and how the experience will help the recipient write a doctoral research proposal. Recipients must submit completed reports to the current Director of Graduate Studies by the announced deadline (typically early September).