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FINAL REPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

**All questions must be completed to be considered for grant award.**

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1. Project Title: **Presentation at the International Industrial Organization Conference, Boston MA**

2. Name of Principal Investigator/Project Director: **Dr. Marc Anthony Fusaro**


6. PI/PD Campus Phone: **968-0688** 7. Amount Requested: **$1,147.62** 8. Total Cost of Project: **$1,647.62**

9. Will total funds awarded be expended by June 30th of the current fiscal year: Yes [X] No ______

10. If not, what is the total to be expended this fiscal year: **$ NA**

11. What is the total to be carried over to the next fiscal year: **$ NA** (if approved by the VPAA)

12. Project Completion Date: **May 19** 13. Travel Dates: **May 17-19**

14. Does this project involve:
   - Yes [X] No
   - [ ] [X] human subjects?
   - [ ] [X] animals/animal care facility?
   - [ ] [X] radioactive materials?
   - [ ] [X] hazardous materials?
   - [ ] [X] biological agents or toxins restricted by the USA Patriot Act?
   - [ ] [X] copyright or patent potential?
   - [ ] [X] utilization of space **not** currently available to the PI/PD?
   - [ ] [X] the purchase of equipment/instrumentation/software currently **available** to the PI/PD?

**NOTE:** If the answer is “yes” to any of the above questions, the investigator must attach appropriate documentation of approval or justification for use/purchase.

**SIGNATURES**

Department Contribution (if applicable): **$________**

Account Number: _____________________________  Chairperson  Date

School Contribution (if applicable): **$ 500**

Account Number: _____________________________  Dean  Date

**This Section to be completed by the Office of Academic Affairs**

Previous PDG Award final report received: Yes [X] No ______
PDC Committee Award Recommendation: Yes [X] No ______
PDC Committee Proposal Rank: _____ of _____ Total Proposals.
Recommendation of VPAA: Yes [X] No ______ Recommendation of President: Yes [X] No ______
Award Date: _______
B. Abstract

In this proposal, I requested the resources to attend the annual IIOC conference. At the primary annual gathering of my field of economics I will be able to network with colleagues, attend research presentations made by the leaders in the profession, and present my research.

C. Brief Review of Research Procedure

In this proposal, I requested the resources to attend the annual International Industrial Organization Conference (IIOC). The IIOC is the primary conference where the Industrial Organization sub-field of economics gathers on an annual basis. Further, it is the only conference which includes a gathering of people working on Industrial Organization in the banking industry, the area where I do much of my work. Thus it is a premier networking opportunity in my sub-field. The conference is organized by the Industrial Organization Society, an organization of which I am a member.

I submitted a paper titled “Why Do People Use Debit Cards: Evidence from Checking Accounts”. I am also usually asked to “discuss” or critique another economist’s paper a process which is invaluable to the research process. Finally, last year I was asked to chair session, an honor which I hope to be asked to do again.

D. Summary of Outcomes and Experiences

In my proposal I stated that “If the paper is not accepted, I will not be attending the conference.” Since the organizers had trouble finding other similar papers with which to group mine into a session, my paper was not included in the conference. Therefore, I did not attend the conference.

E. Conclusions and Recommendations

Despite being rejected by this conference, the paper had been accepted to be published in a reputable journal, *Economics Inquiry*. 