

## Gift Ideas

### \$50

- Can provide five \$10 gift-card incentives to survey participants (for student or faculty research efforts)
- Will purchase a computer software (STATA) license for one student

### \$100

- Allows us to waive the application fee for a prospective student who wants to apply to SPIA (particularly minority students)
- Pays for the Metro card of students taking part in our Washington Semester programs
- Allows us to support a Ph.D. students' paper submission fees
- Allows us to add a small amount of money to our annual awards that do not come with funding (e.g. the Dick Zody Outstanding Dissertation award or the Al Steiss book award)
- Offsets Virginia Tech's administrative fee for SPIA's study abroad program

### \$200

- Usually covers a student's conference registration fee
- Allows students and faculty to travel between campuses (Blacksburg/Arlington/Richmond) to network events/classes (via Campus Connect)

### \$500

- Will defray the transportation costs related to course-/studio-related engagement activities with local communities
- Helps offset part of the study abroad program fee (about 15%)
- Covers a faculty member's conference registration fee

### \$1000

- Will help SPIA provide scholarships for students interested in one of the School's Washington Semesters
- Will enable us to offer a small scholarship to an undergrad international student who will be a full-pay at VT and can be persuaded to come to SPIA
- Helps offset 25% of the study abroad program fee
- Provides an honorarium to an important guest speaker

**\$2,500**

- Will enable a faculty member to present their research at a national conference

**\$5,000**

- Helps us award a “community scholar” scholarship for minority and underrepresented groups
- Will enable a faculty member to present their research at an international conference
- Provides travel and research funding for PhD students’ dissertation research
- Supports a research start-up package
- Will bring a high-profile guest speaker to SPIA

**\$7,000-\$7,600**

- Provides a full tuition scholarship for one semester to either a Blacksburg (\$7,000) or Arlington (\$7,600) student
- Provides a summer research assistantship (stipend only, no tuition)

**\$10,000**

- Will enable the School to seed fund innovation research projects that holds the potential for significant societal impact
- Allows us to upgrade a regular classroom to a Zoom capable room with cutting edge equipment

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