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Dear Angel,

On behalf of the departmental Graduate Studies Committee, I am very happy to inform you that you have been selected as the recipient of the 2023-2024 Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching. The graduate studies committee was impressed with your performance as the instructor of PLSC 014 (Introduction to International Relations) in summer 2023 and PLSC 309 (Quantitative Political Analysis) in spring 2024 for World Campus

As the winner of the Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching, you will receive a \$1,000 dollar research account. These funds are available to you after July 1, 2024, and must be used by June 30, 2025. You may use these funds for such educationally relevant items as purchasing data, reimbursing conference or research travel, or paying research assistants or research participants (as long as you have IRB approval). When you want to use these funds, you should contact Kristy Boob so that purchases and reimbursements are handled correctly.

You should plan to attend the departmental awards banquet next April to be formally recognized for your award.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Michael Nelson,
Associate Professor of Political Science,
Director of Graduate Studies

cc: Lee Ann Banaszak, Department Head
Christopher Zorn, Advisor
Kristy Boob, Graduate Studies Coordinator