

Limited funds are available on a competitive basis as travel supplements to defray the cost of BSGP student travel to professional meetings. Applications will be accepted 3 times per year on October 1, February 1 and June 1 for travel prior to the next application deadline. Announcements of the BSGP Travel Award application deadline will be circulated one month before each deadline to students, department administrative contacts and faculty. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of at least three faculty members when necessary (more completed applications than available awards) and ranked in order of merit. Students and their mentor will be notified of funding within 2 weeks of the committee decision. Award distribution (number of awards and amount of award) will be contingent on availability of funds and occur as reimbursement after travel has occurred. The maximum travel award is \$600 and a student may only receive one award per year.

Eligibility

Students must:

- Be a full time BSGP student in good academic standing
- Have completed the most recent Annual Activities and Accomplishments Report
- Be presenting research findings at a professional meeting or conference or attending other activities that would enhance the students scientific development (training courses, workshops, etc.)
- Provide evidence of having applied for other available travel funding (e.g. Research, Project and Travel (RPT) Grant through UNM OGS, travel awards available through the meeting or conference sponsor) or demonstrate that travel awards are not available through the meeting or conference sponsor

Application Submission

To be considered for an award, students must submit the following information:

- Completed BSGP Travel Award information sheet (includes student information)
- Travel budget form that includes total travel budget and amount of request
- Name of meeting and its location
- Current CV of student
- Statement of impact of the travel award on student professional development and career goals. For presentation travel, include research significance and student involvement in research represented in the submitted abstract (2 paragraphs, < 1 pg)
- Letter of support from research mentor including identification of other funding sources for student travel. For presentation travel, include the student's contribution to the research represented in the research abstract
- Copies of applications for other funding mechanisms or evidence that student travel awards are not provided through the meeting or conference sponsor (generally available on meeting or conference sponsor website)
- Copy of Student Activities & Accomplishments Form
- For Presentation travel; a copy of research abstract

Application Review

Decisions of the BSGP Travel Award Review Committee will be based on the following considerations:

- For presentation travel, the level of student contribution to research presented
- Impact of award on student professional development and career goals
- Availability of other support