

Department of Sociology Graduate Student Travel Grants

The Department of Sociology will accept proposals from graduate students for travel grants in order to defray costs associated with presenting at professional and/or government/industry conferences in the United States. Eligible travel expenses include registration fees, airfare, ground transportation, and lodging costs. These funds are **not** intended to support research.

Amount: Students may request an amount not to exceed \$250.

Eligibility: Graduate students in the Department of Sociology are eligible to apply for small travel grants after their research has been accepted for presentation at a professional conference, and only if there is a peer-review process such that the presentation might have been rejected. Qualifying venues include regular or annual meetings of a national (i.e., US) professional society or meetings sponsored by a government agency or industrial society if the meetings are of an academic nature and take place with regularly. The peer-reviewed acceptance should be included in the student's application.

Deadline: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applicants should plan to apply at least one month prior to the conference.

Application Content: Students should submit a proposal to the Director of Graduate Studies that includes the following information:

- A cover page indicating the applicant's name, the title of the paper/presentation, the title of the meeting, and the date of the meeting as well as a note indicating whether the applicant has received previously this grant.
- A paragraph describing how the conference will help them in their academic pursuits.
- A full copy of the paper to be presented.
- A budget detailing the registration fee as well as travel (i.e., airfare or mileage) and lodging costs.
- Documentation of the paper's acceptance.
- Evidence that the conference relies on a peer-review process to accept papers for presentation.

Evaluation of applications: Upon receipt of applications, the Graduate Committee will review the application materials and make a determination as to whether to award a grant as well as how much to award. This determination will be based on the quality of the grant as well as on the availability of funds. Because funds are limited, preference will be given to students who have not received these funds in the past.

Disbursement of Funds: Disbursement of the award is dependent on the student's successful presentation at the conference.