Applying for Graduate School Travel Grants

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Funding Opportunities

Please visit our website to learn about funding opportunities at The Graduate School and beyond:

http://graduate.utep.edu/scholarships_current.html
Travel Grant Funding

- These grants are primarily for students who have been accepted to present at a conference
- Grant awards are up to $850
- Let’s review the eligibility requirements for graduate student travel grant funding. You can also find these on our website: http://graduate.utep.edu/scholarships_student_travel_grants.html
The Application

The application has recently been modified—it’s now an online form.

The idea was to offer a simpler application to facilitate a more efficient application process.

**Benefits to the new form:**

- You will get automated responses when 1) you submit your application and 2) when the application is complete (after your advisor submits his/her statement of support).
- Your advisor will have a simpler online process to submit his/her statement of support.
Proposals demonstrating the **highest quality** will be funded. Among applications of similar quality preference will be given if:

- The applicant is presenting his/her own research as principal author at a national or international meeting.
- The applicant has secured support from another source (where possible).
- The applicant has not been funded previously by the Graduate School.
- The applicant is a full-time student.
What does “highest quality” mean?

- Your work seems important— even to those of us who might not share your specialization
  (appeal to the educated non-expert)
- You have explained the significance of the conference or meeting
- You explain how this opportunity will enhance your graduate education and possibly your career
- You will take advantage of the opportunity by developing your academic and professional skills
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- And… you have expressed all of this with correctness and elegance.
- Quality of writing does matter!
- Submit your application on time
What does “highest quality” mean?

The email of support from your faculty supervisor/mentor should:

- Be favorable
- Verify that you actually have been accepted to present at a conference or meeting
- Indicate an engaged relationship where faculty has mentored student and grad student has met or exceeded expectations
- Be generally well-written
The 4 Deadlines

- September 30th
- November 15th
- February 1st
- April 15th

for travel during the remainder of the academic year including summer
We at The Graduate School hope to see your application soon!

Any questions?