University of California Davis Postdoctoral Scholars Association (PSA) Travel Grants

The PSA Travel Grant is a $400 grant (contingent on continued funding) for current UC Davis postdoctoral scholars who need financial assistance to present their work at conferences. Postdoctoral scholars with full support to travel to conferences may apply, however priority is given to applicants with limited or no funding. Up to twelve awards are available per year, funding is given as a reimbursement, post-conference.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- **Appointment Status.** Postdoctoral Scholars must have an appointment at UC Davis (Title codes: 3252, 3253, 3254, 3240, 3370)
- **Financial need.** Priority is given to applicants who have partial or no financial support from the department or principal investigator.
- **Merit of Research.** The merit of research will be judged by the proposed or submitted meeting abstract. Abstract submission as well as verification and receipt of conference attendance are required to claim award.
- **Need for Career and Professional Development.** The need of the scholar for career and professional development will be considered if attendance will significantly enhance this aspect of their career.
- **Merit of the Individual.** The scholar’s research background, including publications, grant awards, honors and education will be considered when determining awards.

Application Materials

Postdoctoral Scholars must **electronically submit** the following items in order to be considered for the grant to the PSA Treasurer: psatreasurer@ucdavis.edu. Letters may be sent separately to the same email address.

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Letter of recommendation from Principal Investigator stating:
   a. The need for additional support for travel to the meeting/conference
   b. The scholar’s merit
   c. The importance to the career development of the scholar.
3. Copy of the proposed or submitted abstract.
4. Statement from the scholar supporting their application. Specifically address the reasons you meet the four criteria listed above to receive the PSA Travel Grant (not to exceed 500 words).
5. Proof of conference existence. Must include the DATE and LOCATION of the conference for consideration.

Submission Deadlines and Award Dates

This award has four cycles per year. Applicants should apply for the award cycle that corresponds with the dates of the conference you plan on attending. If your conference falls over two cycles, please email the Treasurer to determine the most appropriate Award Cycle you should apply for. The deadlines for each cycle are as follows:

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<td>January 1 – March 31, 2017</td>
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Postdoctoral scholars at UC Davis may receive this award only once. In accordance with university policy, you must submit your reimbursement claim within 45 days of the end of the conference. As part of the award acceptance, PSA Travel Grant recipients will be asked to help with reviewing the applications for future award cycles.

For questions, please contact one of the PSA Officers (http://postdocs.ucdavis.edu/2014-2015-uc-davis-psa-officers).