

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE FUNDING FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Since its inception in 2004, the Environmental Science and Policy Program has encouraged doctoral students to attend and present at interdisciplinary conferences. For example, in the past ESPP has supported student travel to the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Council for Science and the Environment.

ESPP accepts requests for travel support three times during the year.

DEADLINES: JAN. 15, APRIL 15 AND OCT. 15, annually

Travel funds can not be applied retroactively. Only one application per student per cycle will be reviewed.

In order to qualify for ESPP travel funding, each applicant must provide proof of acceptance from conference organizers that his/her paper was accepted for a poster or oral presentation. Oral presentations will be given priority in funding over poster presentations.

If you have not yet received proof of acceptance from the conference organizers, note on your application that you have already submitted your paper and a date when you expect to receive confirmation. Then please promptly forward the confirmation to ESPP. ESPP can make travel offers conditional upon the acceptance of your paper.

Up to \$500 for domestic travel and up to \$750 for international travel is available per request (based on the availability of funding).

Students currently enrolled in the ESPP specialization who have completed two of the four specialization requirements are eligible for up to two grants. Other doctoral students are limited to one grant.

Applications for funding should not exceed two pages and should be emailed to ESPP (espp@msu.edu). Applications must include:

1. A description of the conference/meeting you wish to attend that makes a clear and compelling case for how it is interdisciplinary.
2. An explanation of how your attendance at the conference will help you to further your academic and scholarly goals.
3. Confirmation that your presentation and/or poster has been approved/accepted by the conference organizers.
4. Abstract of the presentation and/or poster that you will be presenting at the conference.
5. An estimated budget.
6. A letter approving the travel from your advisor.
7. Your C.V.

Students who receive funding will be expected to write about their experience for the ESPP blog, Greenboard. Contact Karessa Weir (weirkare@msu.edu) for details.



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