

Interdisciplinary conference funding for MSU students.

Since its inception, ESPP has encouraged students to attend and present at interdisciplinary conferences/meetings. In the past, ESPP has supported student travel to the annual meetings of AAAS and NCSE. To encourage broader student participation at interdisciplinary conferences and meetings, please note the following change regarding the availability funding to support graduate student travel.

ESPP will accept requests for travel support to attend conferences and meetings at four times during the calendar year. Requests for funding will be due by noon on the second Friday in February, May, August, and November with funding decisions made by the end of the month in which applications are due. Therefore, the due dates for 2009 are: - February 13 (funding decisions by February 27) - May 8 (funding decisions by May 29) - August 14 (funding decisions by August 28) - November 13 (funding decisions by November 27) Students may request funds to attend ANY conference or meeting that has an interdisciplinary focus. However, in order to be eligible for ESPP funding, students must display a poster or present their work orally. Up to \$500 is available per request (based on the availability of funding) and ESPP students may receive funding only once during each calendar year. Applications for funding should not exceed two pages and should be sent electronically 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/meeting 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; and 4. An estimated budget.

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