Interdisciplinary conference funding for MSU students

Since its inception, the Environmental Science and Policy Program has encouraged graduate students to attend and present at interdisciplinary conferences/meetings. For example, in the past ESPP has supported student travel to the annual meetings of AAAS and NCSE. For the remainder of this academic year, to encourage broader student participation at interdisciplinary conferences and meetings, we will enhance the availability of funding to support graduate student travel.

ESPP will accept requests for travel support to attend conferences and meetings twice during the current academic year. Requests for funding will be due by noon on the dates specified below, with funding decisions made by the end of the month in which applications are due. The due dates for 2010 are:

- **January 15** (funding decisions by February 1)
- **April 15** (funding decisions by May 1)

(Additional 2010 dates may be announced, depending on budget availability.)

Students may request funds to attend ANY conference or meeting that has an interdisciplinary environmental focus. However, in order to be eligible for ESPP funding, students must either display a poster or present their work orally. Up to $750 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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