

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE FUNDING FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

Since its inception, the Environmental Science and Policy Program has encouraged doctoral students to attend and present at interdisciplinary conferences/meetings. 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.

We will continue to support attendance at these and other interdisciplinary conferences and meetings. ESPP will accept requests for travel support to attend conferences and meetings quarterly.

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 are:

- October 15 (funding decisions by November 1)
- January 15 (funding decisions by February 1)
- April 15 (funding decisions by May 1)
- July 15 (funding decisions by August 1)

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 would ideally present their work orally, or at a minimum, present a poster. 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 may be eligible for additional funding of up to \$1,000. Additionally, they may submit their request at any time in addition to the funding rounds listed above.**

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.
4. Abstract of the presentation and/or poster that you will be presenting at the conference.
5. An estimated budget.

Please also send us 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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