

Limited funds are available on a competitive basis as travel supplements to defray the cost of BSGP student travel to professional meetings. Award distribution (number of awards and amount of award) will be contingent on availability of funds and occur as reimbursement after travel has occurred. Students receiving an award must follow all UNM and Health Sciences Center <u>travel policies</u> in requesting the reimbursement. The maximum travel award is \$1,000 and a student may only receive one award per year.

Applications will be accepted 3 times per year on October 1, February 1 and June 1 for travel prior to the next application deadline. When necessary, applications will be reviewed by a committee of at least three voting members of the BSGP Steering Committee (more completed applications than available awards). Applications will be ranked in order of merit. Students and their mentor will be notified of funding within 2 weeks of the committee decision.

Eligibility

Students must:

- 1. Be a full-time BSGP student in good academic standing
- 2. Have completed the most recent Annual Activities and Accomplishments Report
- 3. Be presenting research findings at a professional meeting or conference or attending other activities that would enhance the students' scientific development (training courses, workshops, etc.)

Application Submission

To be considered for an award, students must submit the following information:

- 1. Completed BSGP Travel Award Application sheet (includes student information)
- 2. Travel budget that includes total travel budget and amount of BSGP Travel Award request
- 3. Research Abstract
- 4. Current CV of student
- 5. Statement of impact of the travel award on student professional development and career goals.
 - For presentation travel, include research significance and student involvement in research represented in the submitted abstract (2 paragraphs, < 1 pg.).
- 6. Letter of support from research mentor including identification of other funding sources for student travel. For presentation travel, include the student's contribution to the research represented in the research abstract
- 7. Copy of Student Activities & Accomplishments Form
- 8. For Presentation travel; a copy of research abstract and acceptance letter

Application Review

Decisions of the BSGP Travel Award Review Committee will be based on the following considerations:

- 1. For presentation travel, the level of student contribution to research presented
- 2. Impact of award on student professional development and career goals
- 3. Availability of other support