

**Graduate Student Travel and Professional Development Support
FY 2020/21**

Conference Travel Funding

UCR Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Grant

The UCR Graduate Student Association provides conference travel funding support to graduate students. Please visit their website for more information and instructions on how to apply.

Website: <https://gsa.ucr.edu/ctg/>

GSOE Faculty Support

GSOE faculty may provide travel funding support from one of their discretionary sources, if available. Please consult your faculty advisor or other appropriate faculty member for more information.

GSOE Graduate Student Travel Grant

GSOE provides graduate students with up to \$1,400 conference travel and professional development funding to present at or attend professional research conferences as well as participate in professional development activities. See pages 3-5 for information on how to apply for conference travel funding.

Region Award Limits:

Region	Region Definition	Maximum Award Amount
Attendee	Not presenting	\$100
West	CA, OR, WA, NV, AZ, UT, ID, MT, WY, CO & NM	\$400
Continental	Midwest, East Coast, AK, HI, Canada, PR & Mexico	\$600
International	Locations outside the continent from which you depart	\$900

Per Student Award Limit:

GSOE provides graduate students with up to \$1,400 per year (July 1 – June 30) for both conference travel and professional development funding. There is no limit on the number of conferences or professional development activities the GSOE will fund as long as they do not exceed the combined \$1,400 cap.

Deadlines

Month of Conference End Date:	Application Deadline:	Award Notification Deadline:
July 2020 - November 2020	October 1	October 31
December 2020	November 1	November 30
January 2021	December 1	December 31
February 2021	January 1	January 31
March 2021	February 1	February 28
April 2021	March 1	March 31
May 2021	April 1	April 30
June 2021	May 1	May 31

Please reference the GSOE Travel Reference Guide for important policy information and guidelines applicable to planning your trip. For example, GSOE cannot prepay airfare or conference registration fees for student travelers nor reimburse a non-cash payment method (e.g. gift cards or frequent flier miles). The Travel Reference Guide is provided via email along with a signed award letter.

Professional Development Funding

GSOE provides graduate students with up to \$1,400 conference travel and professional development funding to present at or attend professional research conferences as well as participate in professional development activities. See pages 3-5 for information on how to apply for professional development funding.

Professional development activities include but are not limited to:

- Non-conference travel (e.g. Student is an invited speaker at an event)
- Training (e.g. ABA preparation seminar, continuing education courses, specialty research equipment training, statistics workshop, student affairs workshop)

Activity Award Limits:

Region	Region Definition	Maximum Award Amount
West	CA, OR, WA, NV, AZ, UT, ID, MT, WY, CO & NM	\$200
Continental	Midwest, East Coast, AK, HI, Canada, PR & Mexico	\$300
International	Locations outside the continent you depart from and return to.	\$450
Online	Travel not required	\$300

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Deadlines

The same deadlines apply to professional development funding applications as travel grant applications.

Special Considerations

CA Assembly Bill 1887

California Assembly Bill 1887 prohibits state-funded travel to certain states. The states currently subject to this restriction include Alabama, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Texas. For more information on AB 1887, please visit: <https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887>. For FY 2020/21, this impacts the GSOE Graduate Student Travel and Professional Development Support Program. The GSOE is not able to fund travel to the restricted states.

Funding Changes

Guidelines for the GSOE Graduate Student Travel Grant are subject to change based on funding availability. The department will notify students of any changes to these guidelines.

Graduate Student Travel and Professional Development Support Checklist

Pre-Conference/Professional Development Activity

Step One: Complete Application Packet

Application packet must include:

- Completed Application Form (see page 5)
- Signed support letter from faculty advisor, graduate advisor, or area group convener (electronic signatures are acceptable; see below for guidelines)
- Abstract of presentation (for conference presenters only)
- Presentation acceptance letter, copy of conference program, or other proof of presentation (for conference presenters or non-conference invited speaker opportunities only)
- Description of professional development activity (if applicable)

Note: You are not required to register for a conference prior to applying for this travel grant.

Step Two: Submit Completed Application Packet by Applicable Monthly Deadline

Submit packet to Donita McCants-Carter via email at donita.mccants@ucr.edu

You will receive an application status letter via email once your application has been processed.

Support Letter Guidelines

The signed support letter must confirm the following:

- Applicant is a GSOE graduate student in good standing
- Attending the conference or other activity is beneficial to the student's professional development
- Research to be presented was conducted at UCR (for conference presenters only)

Please feel free to use the GSOE Support Letter template (see page 6). If you are applying to both a GSA and GSOE Conference Travel Grant, GSOE will accept a copy of the signed GSA support letter template.

Post-Conference/Professional Development Activity

Step One: Prepare for Reimbursement

- Compile all required original receipts as well as proof of attendance (e.g. name badge). Required receipts include airfare, conference registration, lodging, rental car, and individual ground transportation expenses of \$75+.
- Please note that a Certificate of Completion is required for all continuing education courses, and other professional development activities.

Step Two: Submit Reimbursement Online

Please submit your reimbursement request online using the GSOE/SPP General Request Form. The form is available at <https://ucrspp.wufoo.com/forms/general-request-form/>. When prompted, please select “Non-Contract and Grant Fund” as the primary fund source.

Joint GSA/GSOE Reimbursements

If you receive funding from both the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and GSOE, please first submit your reimbursement request to the GSA following their standard procedures. After reviewing your documentation, GSA will forward their funding award letter and your receipts to GSOE for final processing. GSOE will ensure you are reimbursed up to the maximum dollar amount awarded by both organizations. Please note that the GSA may provide funding as a travel reimbursement or as a stipend through your student account. *GSOE cannot process reimbursement without first receiving the GSA award letter.*

Contact Information

If you have questions about GSOE’s application or review process, please contact:

Donita McCants-Carter, Administrative Analyst

donita.mccants@ucr.edu

If you have questions about GSOE’s reimbursement process, please contact:

Karen Naples, Purchasing and Travel Coordinator

karen.naples@ucr.edu

GSOE Graduate Student Travel/Professional Development Funding Application

Student Information

Name:	Student ID Number:
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Degree in Progress:	Area of Specialization:
Degree Begin Date:	Expected Graduation Date:
Faculty Advisor:	

Conference or Activity Information

Conference or Activity Name:	
Location (city & state):	
Website:	
Begin Date:	End Date:
Participation Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Attendee <input type="checkbox"/> Conference Presenter <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development Activity	Conference Presentation Type (if applicable): <input type="checkbox"/> Poster <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Talk <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)

Funding Information

Please check all potential funding support for this trip.

<input type="checkbox"/> GSOE Faculty Member	Estimated Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student Association (GSA)	Estimated Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference or Professional Scholarship	Estimated Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	Estimated Amount:

Certification

I agree to all terms of the GSOE Graduate Student Travel and Professional Development program and certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature:	Date:
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GSOE Graduate Student Travel/Professional Development Support Letter

Student Name: _____

Conference or Activity Name: _____

Participation Level:

- Conference Attendee**
- Conference Presenter**
- Professional Development Activity**

Conference Presentation Type (if applicable):

- Poster**
- Paper/Talk**
- Other (please specify)**

Date: _____

I am writing to support this graduate student's request for funding support to attend the above listed conference or professional development activity. The student is in good standing, and this activity is beneficial to the student's professional development.

If applicable, the research to be presented was conducted at UCR. __ Yes __ No __ N/A

Faculty Name: _____

Faculty Signature: _____