Ohio University Undergraduate Travel Fund

Academic Years: 2018-2020

Deadline: Open

Statement of Purpose
Ohio University is committed to providing undergraduates opportunities for research, and scholarly and creative works and activities. As part of this effort, the Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity sponsors a program of travel assistance for undergraduate students presenting their work to the scholarly community. The Undergraduate Travel Fund provides up to $500 toward travel to conferences or other venues for presentation of research results or creative works and activities.

Eligibility
All undergraduate students currently enrolled at Ohio University are eligible for the awards. Students may only receive one award per year.

Note, due to limited funding, we will only fund up to four applicants per conference or venue.

Review/Selection Criteria
Proposals will be reviewed by a designee of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity. Preference will be given to students attending national and international conferences or events or those attending their first meeting. In most cases, we anticipate that faculty advisors will be attending the event, but this is not a requirement.

Proposals
The proposal should be concise and to the point, but must include:

- The project title, authors and abstract (or equivalent submission materials) as submitted to the conference.
- The name, locations and dates of the conference or event.
- A statement detailing how the student expects this opportunity will enhance his/her career (no more than ½ page).
- A statement from the student’s mentor indicating that the materials being presented and the venue are appropriate (a few sentences is acceptable).
- A budget and justification for the travel expenses to be incurred (including transportation, lodging, and registration). Professional membership in a society is not covered even if required for attendance.
- Student PID number

The proposal should be submitted as a single Word or PDF document.

*NEW- TRAVEL BOOKING/PAYMENTS
As per University policy, 41.121, all recipients must work with their respective department in order to book their travel through Concur utilizing Ohio University’s travel service. Funds will not be dispersed directly to recipients.
**Additional Requirements**
All students receiving travel awards are expected to write a brief report/essay detailing the benefits of the experience within four months of completion of travel. Acceptable formats include a narrative statement, blog, or photo essay.

**Proposal Submission**
Email the completed proposal to Carma West at westc@ohio.edu and carbon copy (cc) the student’s mentor.