

The Erma Lee and Luke Mooney Graduate Student Travel Grant

Research-related travel grants of \$500 or more will be awarded annually to TAMU/TAMUG graduate students conducting marine-related research at the TAMUG campus and being advised by a TAMUG faculty member. Funds may be used for travel to attend a scientific meeting or a field site. Preference is given to poster or oral presentations and fieldwork.

Travel must be to an off-campus (Galveston and College Station) location. Funds may be used for international travel. Grants are limited to one per year and may not be received in two consecutive academic years. Travel must occur within six months of the grant. Grants received by students not on A&M payroll may be considered taxable income. Funds are for travel expenses only (i.e. transportation, meals, lodging, and conference registration fees).

If funds are requested to support research activities, all compliance items must be completed prior to the release of funds. For example, vertebrate animal research must have approved an AUP or a statement from IACUC that one is not required. Human subjects research, e.g. a questionnaire, would require IRB approval. More information on research compliance can be found at <http://rcb.tamu.edu/> or by contacting the Research and Graduate Studies Office.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

- Applicants must be a currently registered TAMU/TAMUG graduate student in good academic standing.
- Presentation of a poster or talk is not a prerequisite for applying for a grant. However, presentations of work done at TAMU or TAMUG will be given funding priority.

The Research Advisory Council will review each grant request and approve or deny it.

Awards Timeline

- October awards are for travel between November and April. Any funds remaining in the account will be swept on May 31.
- March awards are for travel between May and October. Any funds remaining in the account will be swept on November 30.
- Summer awards are for travel during the summer and early fall (June to October).

Required Application Materials

- ✓ A personal letter of interest including the dollar amount desired
- ✓ A brief (no more than 2 page) proposal for travel to a field site OR justification to go to a scientific meeting. Include a copy of the meeting announcement and your accepted abstract prior to travel, if presenting
- ✓ A resume or curriculum vitae

- ✓ A copy of your unofficial transcript (from Howdy)
- ✓ A completed advisor support letter which includes PI/department match, if available
- ✓ A budget including transportation, food, lodging, and miscellaneous costs

To apply, please, email the completed application materials in a single PDF file to Nicole Kinslow at kinslown@tamug.edu no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Monday, March 7, 2022.

The next application due dates will be in June 2022 and October 2022.