

Dear Students,

We are opening the application period for this year's endowment-funded travel award applications. If you are planning on attending a professional meeting and making a presentation or preparing a poster, you should consider applying for one of these endowments. Applications will be open until 5pm on **October 20th**.

There are four travel awards, each tied to one of our endowments where the donor asked that their money be used to support student travel. The student that wins each award receives the entire yield of that endowment, which typically ranges from \$200-600 depending on market conditions and the size of the original donation. The goal is to highlight the generous gifts made by each donor by tying each award to a specific endowment.

Two endowments, Hastings and Telford, fund travel for "Early Career" students. This would include exceptional undergraduates, MS students, or students on a "straight to PhD" track that are early in their training. Two endowments, Getzin and Tamaki, fund travel for "Later Career" students. The faculty review committee will judge whether students qualify as early or later career, based on each year's applicant pool. So, students don't have to specify which type of award they are applying for.

In all cases, applications have three components, which should be emailed to Adam at adam.williams@wsu.edu:

1. A 500 word (or less) essay from the student concisely explaining why you deserve the award. You might describe the significance of your presentation (is it an invited talk? is this a major national meeting? have you recently submitted or published particularly significant findings?), specific plans to build ties with possible postdoc advisors or other collaborators, etc. Travel awards can also be used to meet with collaborators outside of a national meeting; the need for this should be justified.
2. The student's updated CV.
3. A 250 word (or less) memo from the major advisor describing why they feel their student is deserving of the award.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the committee members if you have questions. Research and recognition awards have a separate deadline in the spring and will be described in a future email.

Sincerely,

Betsy, Laura, and Rich

The Student Awards Committee