

CONFERENCE TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The application must be complete and submitted at least one month prior to the date of the conference. *No fellowships will be granted retroactively.* The application **must** be signed by the Director of Graduate Studies in your department. The application form **must** also be accompanied by a **brief letter of intent** with relevant details of the trip, and a brief abstract of the paper or poster to be presented at the conference.

ELIGIBILITY: Any graduate student enrolled in a Ph.D. granting program who has passed **all parts** of the preliminary exams and is actively participating in a conference (i.e., presenting a paper or poster, or leading a discussion). Students are limited to **one conference travel fellowship per fiscal year** (July 1,-June 30). Students attending conferences during the academic year must be registered at the time of the conference. For summer conferences, students must be registered for the upcoming fall semester, and have been registered for the previous spring semester. *No exceptions will be made.*

TERMS OF THE AWARD: The Graduate School will provide 70% of the cost of registration fees, primary travel, three nights lodging, and meals for four days (up to \$25 a day): the maximum amount to be paid by the Graduate School is \$500. If the student has received a non-departmental grant for travel, this amount must be deducted from the request.

REIMBURSEMENT: **Save all original expense receipts.** When you return from your trip, submit a Travel Expense Voucher first to your Department and then to the Graduate School for signature on the appropriate charge codes. The Travel Expense Voucher must be submitted no later than 1 month from the date of the conference. If you need an advance on this grant, please submit a Travel Advance Form to the Bursar's Office through your department. **Please see other side for additional guidelines.**

Name _____ Duke Unique ID _____ Phone # _____

Department _____ Department P.O. Box # _____

Will you be registered full-time at the time of the conference? _____ **Date Prelim Exam Passed** _____

Have you received a Conference Travel Grant in the current fiscal year? _____

Title/Topic of paper you will be presenting: _____

Conference title: _____

Conference location: _____ **Conference dates:** _____

Details of Expenses:

Registration Fee: _____

Primary Travel Expense: _____ Type: _____ (Air,auto,bus,etc.)

Food per day: _____ (max. of 4 days - not to exceed \$25.00 per day)

Lodging per night: _____ (max. of 3 nights lodging)

TOTAL: _____

Other Awards: _____ Type: _____

Total Request: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date of Application: _____

DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT: This student is endorsed by his/her department and will receive 30% of the allowable expenses from departmental funds.

Director of Graduate Studies: _____ **Date:** _____

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GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE TRAVEL APPLICATIONS

The Graduate School will provide 70% of up to \$714.29 (\$500.00) of the students' registration fee, the primary transportation to and from the conference, food for 4 days (not to exceed \$25.00 per day), and lodging for 3 nights. **However, the final amount is not determined until the Graduate School receives a Travel Expense Voucher from the department with attached receipts.**

- 1) **Conference Registration Fee** - The Graduate School will pay for 70% of your registration fee to attend the conference. Your department agrees to pay the remaining 30%.
- 2) **Primary Travel** - The Graduate School will only cover 70% of the cost for the **major means of transportation** to and from the conference. Your department agrees to pay the remaining 30%. Taxi's, shuttles, etc. are **not** included as primary travel.
- 3) **Lodging** - The Graduate School will only cover 70% of the cost for **3 nights of lodging**, even if your conference is longer than that. If, by staying over a Saturday, your airfare is reduced by more than the cost of an additional nights lodging, we will consider covering an additional day, but **ONLY** if this is discussed in detail and requested in your letter of intent. Your department agrees to pay the remaining 30%.
- 4) **Food** - The Graduate School will only provide for **4 days of food** at a maximum of \$25 per day. Save receipts and keep a meal log. If there is a banquet at the conference, the same \$25/day rule still applies. Your department agrees to pay the remaining 30%.
- 5) **Other Awards** - If you receive a non-departmental award for the conference, you must list it and subtract it from the TOTAL line.

The Graduate School expects students to find the most reasonable and economical lodging and transportation. Call around and get price quotes. Do not forget to ask about any taxes that may be charged. If you can, share a room instead of getting a single.

Summer Travel - Students do not have to be registered for summer to receive a Conference Travel Grant in the summer. However, you do need to have been **registered during the spring prior** to the conference and be **registered for the upcoming fall** to be eligible for summer travel.