

EXPAND Graduate Student Travel Award

The EXPAND Graduate Student Travel Award provides funds to life science graduate students to defray, in part, costs of travel to scientific meetings or to attend extramural professional courses and workshops. Students may be enrolled in either Biology, Psychology, Environmental Sciences, or BIMS graduate programs, provided their research is within the life sciences. If funds are requested to attend a conference, the student must present research at the conference or serve in a formal role, such as moderator of a panel. If funds are requested to attend a specialized course, the student must provide specific justification for the additional training provided by the course.

Preference will be given to students who have completed all pre-dissertation requirements (coursework and qualifying exam), for whom funds for conference travel from other sources are limited, and who have participated in EXPAND offerings/opportunities (see EXPAND website). Reviewers will also consider the student's level of scientific productivity and engagement at local research-based activities. Each student is eligible to receive one EXPAND Travel Award per academic year.

Applications for travel awards will be solicited and reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. The application form is attached and requires an abstract of the student's presentation with all authors listed, an up-to-date CV, a short explanation of how their research is interdisciplinary in nature, and an itemized budget for the meeting. Awards will only be made to support future travel, not to reimburse past travel.

Awardees will be notified of the status of their application within 2-3 weeks. Not all proposals will be funded, and, most awards will likely offset only a portion of the total expenses required to attend a meeting. Award amounts will typically range from \$500-1000 per student.

Application for EXPAND Graduate Student Travel Award

Provide the following information about the meeting and submit with a copy of the title and abstract of your presentation (or description of the course), a brief explanation of the interdisciplinary nature of your research, and an updated CV to the EXPAND Program Coordinator, Nicole Hensch, via email (expand@virginia.edu).

Name: _____ **Year in PhD program:** _____

Title of Conference/Course: _____

Dates of meeting: _____

Role at the meeting: _____

Have you applied for other travel awards this year? **Yes** **No**

If so, please list: _____

EXPAND offerings attended/participated in: _____

Estimated budget:

Registration: _____

Lodging: _____

Food: _____

Transportation: _____

Funds available to you from other sources: _____