

AL GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS

TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR MEES GRADUATE STUDENTS

Tuition remission funds are allotted annually to UMCES for courses taught through the University of Maryland at College Park. A proportion, of the AL tuition remission funds, is designated to support MEES graduate student travel to meetings for presentation of papers or posters. Purposes of this announcement are: (1) to make certain that all MEES graduate students having AL advisors know of this opportunity: and (2) to explain the process by which these funds may be obtained

AL Graduate Student Travel Fellowships will be awarded based on proposals submitted to the AL Education Committee. A proposal will consist of (1) a meeting announcement with date and sponsors, (2) a copy of the submitted abstract, (3) documentation of estimated meeting expenses, (4) a brief (less than 200 words) statement from the student of the benefits to be derived from attending the proposed meeting, and (5) a brief letter of support from the advisor. Fellowships will be awarded only to those students who are the presenting author on the submitted abstract. It is the spirit of these fellowships to encourage students to present their work at professionally recognized and regularly scheduled regional, national, or international meetings. However, presentations at workshops and local symposia will be considered if participation is clearly beneficial to advancement of the student's research or academic endeavors. Awards to individual students will generally not exceed \$500.00 per meeting. Under some circumstances and depending on demand, requests for larger amounts will be considered (please inquire about availability of funds before requesting more than \$500). In many cases, additional travel support will need to be secured by the student or advisor. Cancellation of a presentation constitutes forfeiture of a Travel Fellowship.

Generally, Travel Fellowships will be liberally awarded to AL MEES students who are the presenting author on a submitted abstract. However, should proposals exceed available funding, the Graduate Education Committee will rank proposals based on its perception of benefit to the student from attending the proposed meeting, as explained in the student and advisor statements. The Graduate Education Committee also reserves rights to award smaller fellowships to a greater number of students, to give priority to students who have not received a travel fellowship during the current calendar year, and to limit the number of Travel Fellowships received by an individual student.

Submission deadlines for AL Graduate Student Travel Fellowships are:

December 1 for travel in January-April

April 1 for travel in May-August

August 1 for travel in September-December

Under exceptional circumstances, proposals for Travel Fellowships will be accepted and acted upon at other times.

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