



Travel grants are designed to provide opportunities and support for student research presentations at professional scientific conferences. Travel grants are awarded from the **Department of Exercise Science (EXSC)**, **Arnold School of Public Health/Dean’s office (ASPH)**, and the **Graduate School**. Faculty mentors may also provide additional financial support.

Eligibility and Guidelines

You must.....

- Be enrolled in a degree-seeking MS, MPH, or PhD program when you apply and when you travel. The department of exercise science will allow you to use their grant up to 6 months after your graduation date.
- Be presenting a research paper or poster at a conference or meeting of national or international standing to qualify for a travel grant from the Graduate School. Students presenting at a state or regional meeting or participating in a group competition at a national meeting are also eligible for ASPH and EXSC grants. When the paper or presentation under review for the student travel award involves co-authors, only the presenter may be awarded a travel grant.
- Have a grade point average of 3.00 - 4.00 or higher.

Please note.....

- Travel grants are applicable to the following travel-related expenses: airfare, baggage fees, lodging, meals, registration fees, ground transportation, and parking. Travel grants cannot be used for membership fees or abstract submission fees.
- All student travel support is based upon the availability of funds.
- Students will receive email notifications upon approval of each award application. These email notifications should be included as attachments when the student requests a travel authorization. It is not advisable to make any travel purchases (airline tickets, lodging) until you have confirmation of awards.

NUMBER OF TRAVEL GRANTS ALLOWED			
	EXSC	ASPH	Grad School
Master’s students	1 per academic year (July 1-June 30)	1 while at ASPH	1 per academic year, no more than 2 while at USC
Doctoral students	2 per academic year	2 while at ASPH, no more than 1 per year	

To apply for travel grants, students must provide the following for each application. Student’s name must be on each document.

- Conference name, location, and date.
- Copy of the abstract being presented.
- Evidence of the abstract acceptance. If acceptance notification has not been received at the time of application, it may be submitted later, but **all awards are conditional upon that acceptance**.
- Statement of justification and significance of research.
- Estimated travel expenses.
- Unofficial transcript reflecting GPA (print from my.sc.edu).

The Graduate School Travel Grant

Graduate students may receive up to \$500 for domestic travel and up to \$800 for international travel. Students may receive no more than one travel grant in any fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) and no more than two while attending USC.

Applications for travel grants are accepted in four cycles each year. The application portal remains open for one week each cycle and then grants are awarded on a rolling basis until funds for the cycle have been exhausted. Students who apply early in the award cycle have a significant advantage.

Please go to the [Graduate School Travel Grant page](#) for **full instructions** for their application.

Cycle	Application Period	Travel Dates
1	June 1 – 7	July 1 – Sept. 30
2	Sept. 1 – 7	Oct. 1 – Dec. 31
3	Dec. 1 – 7	Jan. 1 – March 31
4	March 1 – 7	April 1 – June 30

Arnold School of Public Health Travel Grant

Students may receive up to \$500 from the Dean's office with supplemental funds from the department, center, or research grant. Students are allowed one ASPH travel grant during the master's program and two grants during the doctoral program. Funds are allocated on a fiscal year basis (July 1 - June 30). ASPH travel grant applications are accepted year-round. Please go to the [ASPH Student Travel Support](#) page for **full instructions** for their [application](#).

Exercise Science Travel Grant

Students may receive up to \$300 from the department of exercise science and may be eligible for up to \$500 if also applying for an ASPH travel grant. Funds are allocated on a fiscal year basis (July 1 - June 30). EXSC travel grant applications are accepted year-round.

- To apply for **both the EXSC and the ASPH travel grants**, complete this application:
 - [ASPH Student Travel Application](#)
- To apply for **only the EXSC travel grant**, complete this application:
 - [EXSC Student Travel Grant Application](#)