



ARHU Graduate Student Travel Awards: Virtual Conferences 2020-2021 Call for Applications*

ALERT Given the current travel ban and spending freeze, ARHU Travel Awards will only cover funds for virtual conference fees.

The College of Arts and Humanities awards monies to support the professional development of its graduate students through the presentation of original work. These awards are for competitive presentations of scholarship or creative works at national and international conferences.

Eligible expenses this round will include registration and related virtual conference fees.

Criteria for Awards:

- Presenters must have been accepted through a competitive or peer-reviewed process
- Conferences must be national or international (i.e. not a regional conference)
- Participation will promote students' professional advancement in their discipline

General Guidelines:

Priority will be given to students at the end of their graduate careers participating in national or international conferences of major professional organizations and students who have not received an ARHU travel award in the past.

Complete applications must be submitted on time into the online system to be considered for the current round. This also is the deadline for Graduate Program Director recommendations; therefore, please check with your departments for internal deadlines in advance of the college deadline. The online application system will close at midnight on the deadlines below.

College deadline (for students and departments to submit materials online):

Round I: Friday, October 9, 2020 (for travel taking place between 10/12/2020 – 1/31/2021)

Round II: Friday, December 4, 2020 (for travel taking place between 2/1/2021 – 5/31/2021)

Round III: Friday, May 7, 2021 (for travel taking place between 6/1/2021 – 9/30/2021)

Application Process:

Students should go to <http://apply.arhu.umd.edu> and click on Travel Awards, provide all the information, and submit the application. (Students can work on an application, save, and come back to the site as well, so they don't have to do everything at once). The application process for Travel Awards is entirely online. No paper applications will be accepted.

The information requested includes:

- Short *CV* (5 page max.)
- Brief description (no more than two paragraphs) of the research to be presented, its significance in the field, and the format of the presentation (e.g. panel, poster presentation, performance, exhibition, etc.). Please keep in mind that you are contextualizing your research for non-specialists
- Brief description of the conference and its organizing body and a statement of the review process for the accepted research
- Statement of the contribution the conference will make to your career
- Statement of other funding sources (e.g. Goldhaber Travel Awards from the Graduate School). Students are encouraged to apply for outside funding.
- Estimated costs
- You must include a copy of the letter/email accepting the presentation

****Please be aware when applying that given the current situation with the coronavirus, funds for travel or hotel to attend conferences in person will not be approved.**

If you encounter any technical problems using the online system, please contact Megan Weng. <https://apply.arhu.umd.edu/contact>

If you have questions about the Travel Awards themselves, or if your students have questions, please contact Ashley Richerson Miller at arichers@umd.edu.