

Support for Travel of Graduate Students  
Department of Biological Sciences

1. Graduate students seeking support for travel to professional meetings from the Department must first have submitted requests for funding to the Dean of the Graduate School, and BGS. The Department will supplement costs of travel not covered by other sources up to \$500 during the academic year. Students seeking funding in subsequent years must have written a research grant that includes travel (or have their travel included in a grant written by their major professor).
2. To be eligible for funding the student must be the senior author on a presentation (either oral or poster), which results in a published abstract. Travel for other exceptional purposes occasionally may be granted by the Assistant Chair of Graduate Programs.
3. Students seeking funding must have in their Departmental file a current Annual Progress Report and, where appropriate, a copy of their research proposal.
4. Funding will be on a first-come, first-served basis, but if funds become limited, preference will be given to students who have advanced to Candidacy, and then to Doctoral students.
5. Upon returning from the meeting, the student will write a short report (<1 page) indicating how the meeting benefited their professional development, the Department, and ISU; a copy of the published abstract also should be attached.
6. Requests for travel funds should be submitted in writing to the Assistant Chair of Graduate programs.