CLASS Conference and Professional Development Travel/Virtual Attendance Support
Grant AY 2023-24

Purpose. The purpose of the CLASS Conference and Professional Development Travel Grant program is to support CLASS faculty, post-docs, and graduate students as they travel to organized regional, national, and international conferences for the purpose of presenting, discussing, or performing original research or creative work. Funds are also available for professional development opportunities related to the person’s position description. This fund intends to supplement travel support available through the applicant’s department. Tenure-line faculty, clinical faculty, instructors, post-docs, and graduate students are eligible to apply. Due dates and timelines are as follows:

Deadline October 2, Travel complete prior to May 30.
Deadline December 4, Travel complete prior to June 30.
Deadline February 5, Travel complete prior to June 30.
Deadline April 1, Travel complete prior to September 30.

Submit Application via Qualtrics:
https://uidaho.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_beYrPIK4ScxT3Vk

Eligibility. Travel awards may be up to $1000. Support will be granted for participation in a maximum of one conference or meeting of professional or scholarly societies per academic year, subject to the availability of funds or for one professional development opportunity. Travel or attendance for fall awards must occur between July 15, 2023, and December 2023. Travel or attendance for spring/summer awards must occur between January 1, 2024, and August 14, 2024.

Criteria for Travel Support. Support will be granted for registration, travel, and/or lodging expenses associated with personal presentation of results of original research and/or creative activity at conferences or meetings of recognized scholarly or professional societies. Support is given for oral or poster presentations. Support for professional development opportunities may also be awarded. The maximum travel award is $1000.

Eligible Expenses. This travel grant will cover registration, travel, and lodging costs. Travel costs can include economy airfare, baggage fees, parking fees, train, boat, mileage reimbursement for personal car (use 0.655 for mileage estimates), or bus. Please note that per diem is not included or covered by this funding. The cost of travel cannot exceed the equivalent of economy airfare. Lodging expenses are figured at the single conference room rate. All original receipts are required for reimbursement and will be submitted through your home department.

Application Process. Prepare and submit the following information here:

1. Provide an abstract of the paper or performance to be presented. If a professional development opportunity, provide a description of the opportunity.
2. Describe the impact of the opportunity to participate at this professional meeting for the faculty member.
3. Estimate the cost of registration, travel, and lodging costs.
4. List of travel support that has been allocated to you or is expected for professional conferences/meetings for the current academic year from your department or other sources (grants or fellowships).

Be prepared to upload: An invitation to participate; acceptance of paper or performance for presentation; or a copy of the preliminary program listing participation; AND an email with the approval of your department chair or director verifying the need for this support and listing any matching funds from the department. Graduate students should also have an email from their major professor indicating approval and verification of the need for this support in the same document as the chair letter.

Review Process:

Applications will be reviewed by CLASS associate deans and ad hoc committees as needed. Recommendations will be made to the dean, who will make the final decisions.

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

1. Availability of departmental funds to support professional travel (priority will be given to faculty in CLASS departments with no travel funds; second priority will be given to faculty who can demonstrate partial departmental support for travel.
2. Priority will be given to faculty, then post-docs, and then graduate students.
3. Priority will also be given to applicants who have not received any CLASS funding support in the last three years. And lowest priority will be given to applicants who received funding in the past Academic Year.
4. Quality of opportunity for a faculty member, post-doc, or graduate student to participate in the opportunity.

All travel related to professional meetings must have prior Chrome River authorization regardless of the funding source (departmental, external, or personal). If travel is pre-authorized in Chrome River, it will be possible to receive retroactive reimbursement for travel from this grant.

Funding not spent by the end of the funding cycle will be returned to the college.