

Berger Graduate Travel Awards

Goal: Provide a consistent funding source that increases opportunities for our graduate students to travel to conferences and present their work.

Background: Graduate student participation in professional meetings is an important component of their training, but requires funds for travel and meeting registration. The graduate school does have a limited travel program, but there is a need to augment this support. The goal with the Berger Travel Awards is to dedicate a stable source of funding for graduate student travel, that is available to all of our students, and that is awarded on a regular basis.

Program: The Berger Graduate Travel Award program will consist of the following.

- A. The Department of Chemistry will set aside funds to award at least 10 travel awards per year, up to a maximum value of \$750 each.
- B. To be eligible, students must also apply for travel support [from the Graduate Studies Office](#) if they are accepting applications. If awarded Graduate Studies funds, the student can still receive limited Berger funds if needed to complete their travel requirements.
- C. Awards can be used for airfare, car rental, meeting registration, and hotel accommodations to attend domestic or international meetings.
- D. Awards can not to be used for per diem, meals, alcohol, or meeting materials (poster printing, etc.).
- E. In most cases, students must be presenting (oral or poster) at the meeting to be eligible for an award.
- F. When applicants outnumber awards, priority will be given to (in no particular order):
 - i. More senior students in the program
 - ii. Oral presentations over posters
 - iii. National meetings over regional meetings
 - iv. Previous travel award history of the student

Application: Interested students should send their:

- 1. CV
- 2. Meeting details
- 3. Presentation details (oral, poster, accepted, etc.)



to Ross Perryman (rossp@ku.edu) at least **one month prior to the meeting date**. Awardees will be selected by the Chemistry Chair in consultation with the Associate Chairs.

Support: This program will be supported through the Emily V. Berger Fund for Research in Chemistry (40048).