**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.

1. 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.
2. To be eligible, students must also apply for travel support [from the Graduate Studies Office](https://graduate.ku.edu/graduate-scholarly-presentation-travel-fund) 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.
3. Awards can be used for airfare, car rental, meeting registration, and hotel accommodations to attend domestic or international meetings.
4. Awards can not to be used for per diem, meals, alcohol, or meeting materials (poster printing, etc.).
5. In most cases, students must be presenting (oral or poster) at the meeting to be eligible for an award.
6. When applicants outnumber awards, priority will be given to (in no particular order):
7. More senior students in the program
8. Oral presentations over posters
9. National meetings over regional meetings
10. 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 Avery Meadows ([aimeadows@ku.edu](mailto:aimeadows@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).