

The Graduate Studies Travel Fund (GSTF)
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Guidelines
2011-12 Anticipated Funding: \$4800
(Contingent upon funding)

Application Deadlines:

November 1, 2011 for travel between July 1--December 31, 2011

March 15, 2012, for travel between January 1--June 30, 2012

Purpose:

The Graduate Studies Travel Fund (GSTF) promotes the scholarly work of graduate students by defraying all or part of the costs of travel for graduate students to present their research at professional meetings and conferences.

The Fund:

Funding is divided equally between the fall and spring semesters. Any unallocated fall funding is added to the spring allocation. The Graduate Studies Travel Fund Committee reviews the applications and makes funding recommendations to the Director of Graduate Services, Office of Graduate Studies.

Eligibility:

1. Current graduate students admitted in full standing in UW Oshkosh graduate degree programs; enrolled in a minimum of 6 graduate credits applicable to their degree, certificate or GAP program at the time of the travel activity.
2. Travel activity must be a professional meeting or conference farther than 50 miles from Oshkosh.

Evaluation:

All requests for funding are due by November 1, 2011, for the 2011 Fall Semester, and March 15, 2012, for the 2012 Spring Semester. Requests may be made for presentations that have already been given or are scheduled to be given during the current semester. Awards will be made based on the criteria listed below. Each criterion will be evaluated on a 5-point scale, where "5" is the highest ranking and "1" is the lowest ranking.

1. **Professional Development:** A statement of how this presentation is contributing to the presenter's professional development.
2. **Contribution to the Field:** A statement explaining reasons why the research is important.
3. **Scholarly Development:** A statement indicating if the research is the culmination of a large body of work, if it is a class project, or if it is an individual project.

A letter of support from a faculty advisor must accompany all applications from graduate student applicants. In their letter of support, advisors are asked to address the following:

1. If this presentation is an exceptional situation, e.g., if graduate students are presenting at a conference where they do not typically present;
2. If the student has presented this research before;
3. How the research contributes to the professional development of the student.

Note: Applicants must obtain Departmental/Program signatures for applications prior to submitting them to the Office of Graduate Studies.

Funding:

Funding from University departments or external units will be deducted from the total estimated costs before the amount of the GSTF award is determined. All applicants should apply individually even when more than one person is traveling to the same event. Presenters who are selected to receive awards will receive up to 100% of the total *unfunded* cost, not to exceed \$750.00. The GSTF Review Committee may recommend partial funding for projects.