

Department of Economics Guidelines

Graduate Student Conference & Travel Fund

In order to support doctoral students who present original research at professional or academic conferences, the economics department may provide help with reimbursement of eligible expenses from the Graduate Student Conference & Travel Fund.

This fund may be used to provide reimbursement for one or two in-person conferences and multiple virtual conferences in a fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as follows.

- Eligible expenses for the first in-person conference are reimbursed up to \$750
- Eligible expenses for the second in-person conference **or** any number of virtual conferences (occurring before or after the first in-person conference) are reimbursed up to \$250
- In case of limited funds, higher preference is given to a student presenting at their first in-person conference

Guidelines

- This fund may not be used to provide reimbursement to a graduate student to present at more than two in-person conferences in the same fiscal year, or to attend a conference or meeting where the student is not presenting original research related to their dissertation.
- These levels of reimbursement do not mean that a student has \$1,000 for conference travel in a year, or that the role of the first in-person conference and second in-person conference can be interchanged. Students should plan applications for reimbursement accordingly.
- Sometimes a conference or meeting may not be of sufficiently high quality to use scarce funds. In this case, the Graduate Program Committee may vote not to allocate funds.

Moreover, we acknowledge that

- This support may be insufficient to reimburse all expenses related to attending a conference. Additional funding from other sources may be used to supplement this funding (for example, the Graduate Scholarly Development Fund available from the Office of Graduate Studies, or funds made available by individual faculty members, or externally-sponsored funds).
- The level of support may change from time to time as determined by the department chair.
- There is no obligation for the department to provide this funding, and as usual, this funding may be limited or terminated due to budgetary constraints.
- This support is more generous than the support presently provided by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to tenure-track/tenured faculty to attend domestic conferences.

Change history

- 10/19/2021: Modified policy to allow \$250 to be used toward virtual conferences