



PDF Student Travel Awards

Program Overview

The PDF Student Travel Award enables graduate and medical students working in Parkinson's disease research to attend and present data at related scientific conferences. Undergraduate students who have previously completed a PDF Summer Student Fellowship are also invited to apply.

Awards are up to \$1,000 and can be used to pay for conference registration, transportation, and hotel. Applicants must justify the amount requested based on the projected cost of the above expenses.

After the conference, students will be asked to submit a report regarding the conference and receipts for the expenses justified in the application.

Eligibility

Graduate and medical students conducting Parkinson's disease research are eligible for the PDF Student Travel Award. Undergraduate applicants must have previously completed a PDF Summer Student Fellowship in order to be eligible for this award.

Applicants must have an accepted abstract for either a poster or oral presentation at the conference they wish to attend. Applicants with abstracts that are pending conference acceptance may be considered; however, the award is contingent upon abstract acceptance. Notification of abstract acceptance must be done in a timely fashion or it may be withdrawn.

Application Instructions, Deadlines & Start Dates

Applying

All applications must be submitted online through the PDF website at grants.pdf.org. No paper copies will be accepted. For current and upcoming dates, please see the grants deadline page. PDF anticipates offering this award twice a year in late winter and summer. Successful applicants are typically notified in 4-6 weeks after the application period closes.

Briefly, a complete application will consist of the following items:

- Copy of the abstract submitted to the conference;
- Confirmation of abstract acceptance or abstract submission pending acceptance.
- Statement by the applicant, justifying meeting attendance and potential impact on future research and career;
- Statement by the applicant, describing interest in Parkinson's research, his or her qualifications, and the relevance of this meeting to his or her career/research interests;

- Letter of support, written by the mentor under whose guidance the applicant completed the research to be presented at the conference. Please discuss the qualifications of the student, the academic need for conference attendance as well as financial need. This letter must be sent separately by the mentor email to grants@pdf.org with “STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD” in the subject;
- Travel Budget, including any funds to be provided by applicant’s home institution;
- Application form, completed.

Note: Incorrect or incomplete applications may be rejected without comment.

Review & Decisions

Applications are judged based on the appropriateness of the conference, the applicant’s financial and academic need, and the abstract that will be presented at the conference. Final award decisions are typically made 4-6 weeks after application deadline.