



School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment Student Expo Travel Grant

Student Expos are an opportunity for students to network with recruiters, but also for the companies and recruiters to learn more about the School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment and the University. While the former is achieved by students sharing resumes, presenting research, taking short-courses, and interviewing with employers for internships and jobs, the latter requires some assurances regarding the quality, professionalism and ethos of the students of the School. The School of the Earth, Ocean & Environment encourages students to take advantage of these networking opportunities and offers the Student Expo Travel Award program to enable this participation.

Eligible Events: A “Student Expo” is defined as an event organized by one or more professional organizations for the purpose of promoting student interactions with multiple potential employers. The Graduate Committee is authorized to make the final determination of the suitability of any event. Travel by students for interviews with individual businesses or travel to a specific region to try to develop job opportunities are not considered as eligible events and are not allowed.

Available Support: The purpose of the support is to help students with transportation, registration, and lodging while pursuing internships/jobs at networking events. Support of up to \$500/student per event may be provided. All USC travel regulations must be followed.

Student Eligibility: Graduate students and undergraduates with senior standing may apply for support. Students who have accepted or are committed to permanent employment are not eligible for an award. Criteria for support includes a preference to students who meet one or more of the following requirements:

- Professional organization scholarship and award winners
- Officers in student chapters of professional organizations or the Geology Club
- Any student who makes a presentation at the Student Expo
- Any student who gets partial support from some other professional source

All Graduate Students receiving support must be “in good standing” as described by the Graduate Student Handbook on the date of application. All Undergraduate Students receiving support must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.3 at the time of application.

Preference is given to second year MS students and PhD candidates that have already completed their Dissertation proposals. First-year student graduate students, specifically Masters students, who wish to pursue an internship/job, but do not have any research to present, must produce a statement of interest/purpose and their application will be considered depending on the applicant’s pool availability of funds. All graduate students should make an effort to attend a short-course, workshop or lecture while attending the event.

Graduate students are usually limited to two Student Expo Travel Awards during their academic career, while undergraduate students are usually limited to one award. Graduate students cannot be awarded both a Student Expo Travel and a Travel Award for the same year.

Application Process: Students must apply at least 30 days in advance of the event for which support is provided.

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