

AVPA Student Travel Grant

Purpose

In order to support undergraduate and graduate students with their research and career goals, the AVPA offers Student Travel Grants to aid students' participation in arts-related conferences, workshops, presentations, performances, and exhibitions, and to support student research and fieldwork. Grants will be awarded based on the quality of the application, letter of support, and the availability of funds. Priority will be given to students who have volunteered at AVPA events.

Award Details

The AVPA will provide three tiers of Student Travel Grants:

1. Educational Travel Grant: Up to \$500 to be used for research-related travel and/or participation at conferences and workshops. This grant is for a maximum of 12 months' use. Any unused funds must be returned to the AVPA at the end of the grant period.
2. Competitive Presentation Grant: Up to \$800 to be used for single-authored presentations, performances, and exhibitions at a juried venue or conference. Any unused funds must be returned to the AVPA after the trip.
3. Collaborative Presentation Grant: Up to \$1,200 to be used for presentations, performances, and exhibitions by two or more students at a juried venue or conference. Only one grant will be given per collaborative project. Any unused funds must be returned to the AVPA after the trip.

Eligibility

Texas A&M University undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to receive the AVPA Student Travel Grant. Students must be in good standing with the University. Student applicants must have a faculty advisor attached to the grant. Awarded funds will be provided to the faculty advisor, who will oversee the use of funds by students. The AVPA Director and the AVPA Advisory Board will adjudicate grant applications.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must demonstrate:

- 1) The significance of the project;
- 2) Significant educational and career impacts for the applicant; and
- 3) Expected outcomes of the trip.

Application

All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to the AVPA Program Coordinator (avpa@tamu.edu). Proposals must include:

- **Cover Sheet:** The AVPA Student Travel Grant Cover Sheet, including the appropriate department support signature.

- **Project Description:** A narrative description of up to 3 double-spaced pages using Times New Roman 12-point font with one-inch margins. The description should describe the venue or opportunity, and any work the applicant will present at the venue. Any paper abstracts, performance descriptions, or similar materials should be included as part of the project description. The Project description must also address the proposal requirements outlined above. (For collaborative grants, each participating student must provide an individual narrative addressing their anticipated educational and career impacts.) Please also provide a link to the venue or conference you plan to attend.
- **Letter of Support:** An official letter from the faculty advisor explaining the significance of this travel to the applicant's educational and career goals.
- **Involvement with the AVPA:** Include any volunteer work you have contributed to the AVPA and/or AVPA events that you have attended and the impact these artists have had on your education. Volunteer work is strongly encouraged. The AVPA office maintains a list of volunteers, if you are interested in volunteering for the AVPA please email the Program Coordinator (avpa@tamu.edu).
- **Budget:** Provide a clear and comprehensive budget including an explanation/justification of funds. Matching funds, if applicable, should also be listed clearly in the budget.

Schedule

The AVPA accepts applications for Student Travel Grants on a continuous basis. All applications must be submitted four weeks before the travel date. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Notification of awards and grants: Within four weeks of the submission date.

Grant Report

Within four weeks after completing the trip, all recipients are required to provide a report with the following information.

- Itemized expense report;
- Description of the experience and educational and career impacts for the applicant.

Any student who fails to comply with this requirement will not be eligible for future grants.