

Graduate Student Travel Award

The School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) can provide financial assistance to graduate students to enable them to participate in academic-related conferences, meetings and other formal academic activities. Select students who apply and meet the eligibility criteria may be granted an award.

Financial Assistance

Successful applicants may receive up to \$350 for conference and meetings held in Canada, and up to \$500 for conferences and meetings held outside of Canada. Students are also encouraged to apply for the College of Graduate Studies and Research travel award and any other appropriate sources of travel funding.

Please note: award budgets vary from fiscal year to fiscal year.

Application Deadlines

- August 15 (for travel occurring September 1- December 31)
- December 15 (for travel occurring January 1- April 30)
- April 15 (for travel occurring May 1- August 31)

Eligibility

Awarding of SENS Graduate Student Travel Awards will be determined by the SENS Admissions and Awards Committee based on the following eligibility criteria. Where possible, decisions will be made within one week of the application deadline.

- Students (MSEM, MES or PhD) may apply for a SENS Travel Award for eligible travel that will occur while they are in the program and within 12 months of successful program completion.
- Students must complete the SENS Graduate Student Travel Award application form and provide the Admissions and Awards Committee details of the purpose of the travel award, the nature of the conference and the relevance of the conference to their research.
- A letter of support from the student's supervisor or ENVS 992 advisor is required, including an assessment of the relevance of the conference to the student's research.
- A maximum of two awards will be awarded to a given student per degree. Students may receive no more than one award per fiscal year.
- Preference will be given to students who have not previously received a SENS travel award.
- First preference will be given to students who are presenting papers. Second preference will be given to students presenting posters. Third preference will be given to students participating in workshops or other activities to enhance learning opportunities. In all cases we seek to enhance the visibility of the school. Final discretion in all cases is given to the Admissions and Awards Committee.
- Criteria for selection of successful applications will include:
 - Grade point average in the SENS program;
 - Merit of attending the specific meeting (based on assessment by both the student and supervisor); and
 - Evidence of effort to secure other sources of funding to support travel (eg, other travel award opportunities, academic meeting student travel support, et al).