

# CM Graduate Student Conference Travel Award

## Purpose

There are two categories of awards and the purpose of each is discussed below:

Category A: Provide an opportunity for CM graduate students who are at the early stages of conducting their research (typically first year students) to attend a conference of their choice (related to the field of construction management) which would help them finalize the selection of their research topic and start the literature review on that topic.

Category B: Provide an opportunity for CM graduate students who are at the final stages of conducting their applied research in the field of construction management (typically second year students) to present a paper about their research at a national or international conference.

## Requirements

### Category A Applicants:

1. The student must identify a conference related to the field of construction management.
2. The following documents need to be submitted to the Graduate Program Coordinator to be considered for the award:
  - A 1-page long essay from the student summarizing the reason for selecting the particular conference and discussing how her/his attendance will benefit her/him in conducting research.
  - An estimated travel budget.
  - Nomination letter written by the faculty advisor.
3. Within a week after attending the conference, the student must write and submit to the Graduate Program Coordinator a report providing a summary of the conference sessions attended and how those sessions will benefit her/him in conducting research. Further specifics of this deliverable will be discussed and agreed upon by the graduate program coordinator, the student, and the advisor prior to the student attending the conference.

### Category B Applicants:

1. The student must be presenting an applied research project he/she has conducted.
2. The paper must be co-authored with a Construction Management faculty member.
3. The student must attend the conference before graduation.
4. The following application documents need to be submitted to the Graduate Program Coordinator to be considered for the award:
  - A cover letter from the student summarizing the applied research and the reason for selecting the particular conference.
  - An estimated travel budget.
  - Nomination letter written by the faculty advisor.
  - A copy of the full paper to be presented.
  - Conference acceptance letter.
4. Within a week after attending the conference, the student must write and submit to the Graduate Program Coordinator a report providing reflections on her/his presentation (how it went and lessons learned) and a summary of all conference sessions attended. Further specifics of this deliverable will be discussed and agreed upon by the graduate program coordinator, the student, and the advisor prior to the student attending the conference.

## Selection

1. All applications will be evaluated by the CM Graduate Committee.
2. All applicants and faculty advisors will be notified of the final decisions by e-mail.
3. Selected applicants will receive a scholarship up to \$1,000 from the Department to assist in covering travel expenses.

Application review and awards will be on a first come, first served basis until all available funds are used. The CM Graduate Committee may earmark certain amount of funds to be awarded for each category. Up to \$4,000 may be awarded every fiscal year based on available funds. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for questions or clarifications.

**NOTE 1:** Students are encouraged to explore the possibility of identifying alternative funds (such as conference student scholarships or sponsored project funds) before applying for this award (for this award to cover the remaining amount of the funds needed).

**NOTE 2:** While students are free to identify a conference of their choice (as long as it is related to the field of construction management and their research), below is a list of major conferences attended by the CM faculty members:

- Associated Schools of Construction Annual International Conference
- American Society of Civil Engineers Construction Research Congress
- Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting
- American Society for Engineering Education Conference
- Living Future
- Structural Engineering and Construction Conference
- Int. Conf. on Ecology & Transportation
- Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering
- Int. Conf. on Sustainable Design and Construction
- Engineering Project Organization Conference
- CII Annual Conference
- Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium
- Earth USA
- Annual Lean Construction Institute
- Net Impact Conference
- Ibero-Latin American Asphalt Congress
- GreenBuild - Int. Conf. and Expo
- AUTODESK University
- BIM Academic Symposium (ECOBUILD)
- World of Concrete
- Int. Conf. on Env., Cultural, Economic and Social Sust.
- CIB W099 - Safety and Health in Construction
- World of Asphalt
- Engineering Sustainability