

ECR & Teacher Travel Grant Application Questions

The questions on the application are written out here for your reference to use as a guide for developing your answers prior to submitting answers in the Google Form application.

PSECCO Conference Travel Funding Application

The Polar Science Early Career Community Office (PSECCO)* is opening the PSECCO Conference Travel Funding Application to polar early career scientists and teachers who need funding to attend an international or domestic conference at which they intend to present polar science-related content. This travel funding grant aims to specifically support polar early career scientists with demonstrated financial need. In this funding cycle PSECCO will be distributing \$7000 to applicants; applicants may request a reasonable amount of funding to support their travel to/from a polar conference, up to a value of \$1000 per person. The deadline by which to apply is August 14, 2022 at 11.59pm MT.

To apply for travel funding support, please fill out this google form. Questions can be accessed in a separate document on our website for ease of filling the application out.

To be eligible for funding applicants must:

- 1) Be an early career scientist ranging anywhere from an undergraduate student to seven years or less since your last terminal degree OR be a currently practicing teacher.
- 2) Be based in the United States and affiliated with a US-based institution
- 3) Do research in or teach about the polar regions
- 4) Have demonstrated financial need

PSECCO is committed to supporting and creating opportunities for those from backgrounds underrepresented in the sciences, people from historically excluded groups from the polar sciences are encouraged to apply.

Expectations for applicants related to attending the conference include that each PSECCO-funded grantee must:

- 1) Give a presentation at the conference (poster or oral)
- 2) Organize a PSECCO social meet-up event for polar early career scientists and teachers at the conference. The PSECCO Director will help with advertising this event.
- 3) Submit a report to PSECCO (psecco@colorado.edu) within two months of the conclusion of the conference, which includes: a 500-word written reflection on what you got out of attending the conference and at least two photographs of you at the event that can be shared on the PSECCO website and media outlets

The funding award can be used to request funds for transportation, accommodation, per diem, meeting registration, abstract submission, and dependent care costs (if applicable). Other costs may be considered depending on the need and accompanying explanation of the request.

If you have any questions or need clarification about anything related to the PSECCO Conference Travel Grant Program, please email psecco@colorado.edu.

Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- How well does the applicant explain the relevance of topics & issues addressed at the conference and potential for professional development?
- Their demonstrated financial need to attend the conference
- Are the applicant's expenses reasonable based on where they are traveling and/or justified?

*PSECCO is a community-building and support effort for early career scientists with a focus on promoting accessibility, inclusion and diversity in the polar sciences, funded by NSF and housed at the University of Colorado.

*** Required**

Name*

Your answer

Email*

Your answer

Affiliation and location (e.g., University of Colorado Boulder; Boulder, Colorado, USA)*

Your answer

Career Stage*

Undergraduate student

Master's student

PhD student

Postdoctoral researcher

Research scientist

Tenure-track faculty

K-12 Teacher

Informal Education Teacher

Other:

How many years are you past your last terminal degree?*

N/A - I am still a student enrolled in a higher education program

<7 years

7 - 10 years

>10 years

To which conference do you intend to attend?*

Your answer

Location of the conference*

Your answer

Conference dates*

Your answer

Link to conference website*

Your answer

What topic does the content that you intend to present at the conference focus on in the polar regions?*

Your answer

In what region(s) does the research you intend to present at this conference focus?*

Antarctic

Arctic

High alpine

Please explain how the topics and issues to be addressed at the conference/event are related to your polar research interests, as well as the potential impact that attending this conference might have to advancing your professional development in the polar sciences (< 350 words):*

Your answer

Please share a paragraph describing your need for funding to travel to this polar conference (< 350 words):*

Your answer

Is there anything else you'd like to share with the selection committee about the conference?

Your answer

Total cost of attending the conference*

Your answer

Total amount that you are requesting from the PSECCO Conference Travel Grant (in USD)*

Your answer

Total amount you are receiving from other grants, scholarships and awards (in USD)*

Your answer

Transportation costs (in USD) - if requesting mileage reimbursement for driving a vehicle to a conference, requests should be based on standardized mileage rates from the GSA:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/transportation-airfare-pov-etc/privately-owned-vehicle-pov-mileage-reimbursement-rates>

Your answer

Accommodation costs (in USD)

Your answer

Per diem (in USD) - based on standardized per diem rates from the GSA:

<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>

Your answer

Meeting registration costs (in USD)

Your answer

Abstract submission fee (in USD)

Your answer

Dependent care costs associated with attending the conference, if applicable (in USD)? Please explain.

Your answer

Other costs? (in USD) Please explain. Please also use this space to explain any anomalously high expenses if any are included.

Your answer

What is your current income?

Less than \$10,000

\$10,000 to \$20,000

\$20,000 to \$30,000

\$30,000 to \$40,000

\$40,000 +

Do you currently have any dependents?

No

Yes, 1-2

Yes, 3+

If you do not receive this grant, will you still attend the conference?*

Yes

No

Other:

By submitting this application you agree to the following that, if funded, you will: 1) give a presentation at the conference (poster or oral); 2) organize a PSECCO social meet-up event for polar early career scientists and teachers at the conference; 3) submit a report to PSECCO after the event (with the above outlined parameters)

I agree

I disagree

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PSECCO is committed to supporting a diverse candidate pool in attending conferences. If you feel comfortable doing so, please share the following about yourself:

How do you describe your gender identity? (optional)

Your answer

How do you describe your ethnic/racial identity? (optional)

Your answer

Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community? (optional)

Yes

No

Do you have a disability (optional)?

Yes

No

Prefer not to respond

Are you a member/veteran of the armed services? (optional)

Yes

No

Prefer not to respond

Thank you for applying to receive a PSECCO Conference Travel Grant. We are excited for you to join the PSECCO community, would you like to be added to the PSECCO mailing list?*

Yes

No

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