

## 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 Spring 2024

The Polar Science Early Career Community Office (PSECCO)\* Conference Travel Grant Program is now open for applications. Travel awards to attend and present polar-related work at a conference are open to polar early career scientists and educators. In this Spring 2024 funding cycle, PSECCO will be distributing \$5,000 of awards. Applicants may request a reasonable amount of funding to support their travel to/from a conference, up to a value of \$900 per person, with awards aimed at those with demonstrated financial need. An additional \$100 is available for awardees who organize a PSECCO social event at the conference.

The application deadline is March 15, 2024, at 11.59pm MT. PSECCO will open another round of conference travel funding in fall of 2024.

To apply for the travel funding, please fill out [this google form](#). Questions can be accessed in a separate document on the PSECCO website under 'News' for ease of filling the application out. Note that the grants can be used to support 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. Please also note that an international tax of approximately 14% will apply to funding that is received by Foreign Nationals.

To be eligible for funding applicants must:

1. Be an early career scientist (undergraduate to seven years beyond your terminal degree) OR be a currently practicing K-12 or informal educator
2. Be based in the United States and affiliated with a US-based institution
3. Do polar-related research or educate about the polar regions
4. Have demonstrated financial need
5. Be attending a conference taking place after April 1st, 2024 and before December 1, 2024.

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

Please note that awardees of the grant are expected to:

1. Give a presentation at the conference (poster or oral).
2. Submit a short report to PSECCO ([psecco@colorado.edu](mailto:psecco@colorado.edu)) within two months of the conclusion of the conference. This includes a 500-word 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.

Recipients of the grant will have support to organize a PSECCO social meet-up event for polar early career scientists and educators at the conference if they choose, with an extra \$100 stipend for those to do so.

If you have questions, please email [psecco@colorado.edu](mailto:psecco@colorado.edu).

\*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? (in USD)

Less than \$10,000

\$10,000 to \$20,000

\$20,000 to \$30,000

\$30,000 to \$40,000

\$40,000 +

How does the cost of living where you are located compare to the national average? (e.g., Boulder, CO's cost of living is 67.6% higher than the U.S. average.) Unsure? You can check here: <https://www.bestplaces.net>.

Your answer

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

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 Conference Travel Funding Application

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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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