CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting your research at regional, national, or international conferences throughout your program is an important component of graduate study. You should discuss the development of papers for submission to conferences with your supervisor prior to submission, including how travel to the conference will be funded if submission is successful. The grants described below do not usually cover the full cost of attendance. Once your submission has been accepted at the conference, you should discuss any funding shortfalls with your supervisor regarding additional funding support for conference travel.

SGS Conference Grants
https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/sgs-conference-grant/

You are encouraged to apply for this grant even if you have not received confirmation of your participation in a conference at the time of application. There are three application cycles each year. You may apply for an SGS grant to support conference presentations occurring up to six months after the application deadline and those which have occurred up two months before the application opens (potential eligibility window of 11 months).

Cycle	Applications open	Deadline	Eligible conference date window	Results announced
Fall 2019	21 October	29 November	1 July – 1 June	Mid-December
Winter 2020	First week of Winter session	April 1	1 November – 1 October	Mid-April
Summer 2020	First week of Summer session	July 31	1 March 1 – 1 February	Mid-August

Eligibility Criteria
An applicant must be:

- A Master's or PhD student.
- Registered full-time at the time of application AND at the time of conference attendance AND at time of payment of award.
- In good standing as defined by their graduate unit.
- An active participant (e.g. speaker, poster presenter, member of a panel or round table) in a conference (or other academic meeting) relevant to their academic program.

Value
The value of the SGS Conference Grant varies as it is based on the minimum registration fee for the proposed conference. Top-ups based on location of conference may be possible in any given competition dependent on the availability of funds. The SGS Conference Grant value is not impacted by other sources of support reported by the student on the application. The grant is not intended to provide dollar-for-dollar reimbursement for conference expenses. As such transportation, accom-

modations, and other related expenses are not taken into consideration when determining grant values.

Application procedure
See the link above for full details and a link to the application form.

Department of Computer Science Travel Grants for PhD Students

In addition to SGS Travel Grants and supervisor support, PhD students may seek additional funding through Department of Computer Science Travel Grants (funded by the Faculty of Arts and Science Graduate Conference Travel Grant Program). There are two application cycles each year.

Cycle	Applications open	Deadline	Eligible conference date window	Results announced
Fall 2019	1 October	15 October	1 July – 30 December	Early November
Winter 2020	Mid-January	4 February	1 January – 30 June	Mid-February

To apply, complete the [PhD Travel Conference Grant Application form](#) and submit it to the Graduate Office.

Eligibility Criteria
An applicant must be:

- A PhD student, registered full-time in DCS at the time of application AND at the time of conference attendance.
- In good standing as defined by DCS.
- Presenting a paper (as a speaker or poster presenter) relevant to their academic program, approved by their supervisor.

Value
Travel expenses typically form the bulk of the cost of conference attendance. The department will reimburse students for reasonable travel expenses (either round-trip economy airfare at the lowest rate available, train, bus, or personal automobile and parking) up to the following amounts (in Canadian dollars): Quebec and Ontario, $500; elsewhere in North America, $800; overseas, $1000. (These awards are not automatic even if you satisfy the eligibility requirements below. Distribution remains at the discretion of DCS.)

Proof of attendance
You are required to prove that you did attend the conference for which the award is given. An attendance certificate or equivalent is sufficient; you are not required to provide detailed receipts of travel expenses.