

## **KAWSE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds**

### **Purpose of Award**

The Kansas State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE) is pleased to issue the Request for Proposals for the Fall 2017 competition for the ADVANCE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds. KAWSE will provide one award during the Fall 2017 semester and one award during the Spring 2018 semester. Awards of up to \$500 will be provided by the KAWSE Office toward the expenses associated with presentation at a professional conference.

### **Eligibility:**

Most postdoctoral researchers in the natural science and social science departments in the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Human Ecology, Technology & Aviation, and Veterinary Medicine are eligible to apply for travel funds (see [http://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc\\_travel.html](http://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc_travel.html) for eligible departments). The purpose of this series is to enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience and enrich the lives of women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. Factors that enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience include the purpose of the meeting and the extent to which postdoctoral researchers will participate in informal and formal networking opportunities. Factors that lead to enriching the lives of women in STEM disciplines include participating in professional development workshops relevant to gender inequality and inequity.

### **Time Frame:**

The travel award application deadline is Thursday, March 8, 2018 by 5pm for any travel that will occur between June 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019.

### **Application Process:**

Postdoctoral Researchers should send a one to two page proposal by email to Tawny Ochs, KAWSE Administrative Assistant ([tawnyochs@k-state.edu](mailto:tawnyochs@k-state.edu)). Please visit the ADVANCE website at: [http://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc\\_travel.html](http://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc_travel.html) where we provide an application form. Applications will be reviewed by a screening committee.

### **Requirements Upon Return from Meeting:**

With assistance and guidance from KAWSE, the postdoctoral researchers receiving KAWSE Travel Funds will organize and facilitate a Career Chat for postdoctoral researchers, graduate students, and/or undergraduate students about a topic relevant to enriching the lives of women in STEM disciplines, such as "How to Navigate a Professional Conference," "Tips for Informal/Formal Networking at Conferences," or topics based on your attendance at relevant professional development workshops at the conference. Depending on timing of the conference attended, the Career Chat will either be in the same semester or the following semester.

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Application Form**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Department:**

**Office Address:**

**Faculty Advisor's Name:**

**Year at K-State as Postdoctoral Researcher:**

**Expected end of Postdoctoral Research position at K-State:**

**Meeting Name:**

**Meeting web address:**

**Meeting Location:**

**Dates of Meeting:**

**Dates of Travel:**

**Meeting Format:** Please describe the format of the meeting in one paragraph (number of participants, talks running in parallel or serial, and anything else that is unique about the meeting).

**Purpose:** Please include a copy of your accepted abstract below.

**Anticipated Expenses:**

Transportation type and cost:

Lodging Expenses:

Meeting Registration:

Meals not covered as part of registration:

Total Funds Requested (max is \$500):

**Other Travel Support:** Please describe the source and amount of funding. (Are travel grant opportunities available from the meeting/event? If so, do you plan to apply? Will any of your travel costs be covered by your advisor, department or any other scholarships? If yes, please attach a letter of commitment from your faculty advisor to what extent travel costs will be covered.)

**Activities relevant to Enhancing the Postdoctoral Research Experience:** In one paragraph explain what plans you have to participate activities relevant to enriching your postdoctoral research experience. Examples of factors that enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience include the purpose of the meeting, the link between your research goals and your presentation, and the extent to which you will participate in informal and formal networking opportunities.

**Activities relevant to Enriching Women’s Lives:** In one paragraph explain what professional development opportunities you will participate in that are relevant to enriching the lives of women in STEM disciplines. Some professional organizations, such as Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS) <http://www.socwomen.org/> and the American Sociological Association (ASA) <http://www.asanet.org/>, provide professional development activities leading to enriching the lives of women in STEM disciplines relevant to gender inequality and inequity. For example, hosting panels on topics such as work/family balance, navigating the disproportionate service demands placed on women, how to be a feminist and an administrator. If the conference you are attending does not have this, what do you propose to do at the conference that might be comparable?

**Career Chat Plans:** In one paragraph, please explain your plans for hosting a Career Chat for our SUCCEED program (undergraduate and graduate students) upon your return from the conference. You can get more information about KAWSE’s Career Chat program from <http://www.k-state.edu/kawse/succeed/> or by contacting KAWSE at 2-6088. Examples of past Career Chats are: 1) “Navigating a Professional Meeting”; 2) “Implicit Bias Seminar”; and 3) “How do I Become a Postdoctoral Researcher?” 4) “Tips for Informal/Formal Networking at Conferences.” Preference will be given to applications that are based on your attendance at relevant professional development workshops at the conference and are sensitive to gender inequity issues.