KAWS 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 spring 2016 competition for the ADVANCE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds. Two awards of up to $500 will be provided by the KAWSE Office toward the expenses associated with presentation at a conference.

Eligibility:
Most postdoctoral researchers in the natural science, social science and engineering departments in the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering, Human Ecology, Technology & Aviation, and Veterinary Medicine are eligible to apply for travel funds. 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 size/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 February 19, 2016 by 5pm for any travel that will occur between March 15, 2016 and December 31, 2016.

Application Process:
Postdoctoral Researchers should send a one to two page proposal by email to Tawny Ochs, KAWSE Administrative Assistant (tawnyochs@k-state.edu). Please visit the ADVANCE website at: 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 and/or Graduate 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.)

**Networking Plans:** In one paragraph explain what plans you have to 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.

**Career Chat Plans:** Please explain your plans for hosting a KAWSE Career Chat upon your return from the conference.