The Genetics Graduate Student Association (GGSA) at Texas A&M University is pleased to announce Travel Awards for the 2015-2016 academic year for conferences held between August 31, 2015 - August 31, 2016.

The GGSA Travel Awards program is designed to support Genetics graduate students at Texas A&M professional development through presenting research at scientific conferences either through oral or poster presentations. Sharing their graduate research with the scientific communities on national and international stages will broaden their scientific scope and research impact.

All genetics graduate students are encouraged to apply (one application per student per year) and up to 10 selectees, reviewed and chosen by Genetics faculty of the 2015 - 2016 Travel Awards Committee, will be reimbursed up to $600.00 in support of their travel and associated expenses (excluding food and drink) to their scientific conference.

Prior to application evaluation, the following criteria must be met:

1. Applicant is a graduate student enrolled in The Genetics Graduate Program at Texas A&M University - College Station.
2. Applicant has attended at least 3 scheduled GGSA general meetings between August 31, 2015 and deadline of this application, March 22, 2016. Eligible GGSA meetings will be held at 6:15 pm on 9/2/2015, 10/7/2015, 11/4/2015, and 6:00 pm on 1/27/2016, 3/2/2016.
3. Applicant has presented at one or more of the following:
   a. Genetics Seminar Series Graduate Student Presentations** between August 31, 2015 and deadline of this application, March 22, 2016.
   b. Genetics Graduate Student Oral Research Competition** during New Student Recruitment in February 2015.
   c. Genetics Graduate Student Poster Research Competition during New Student Recruitment in February 2015.
** Limited opportunities for oral presentations in Genetics Seminar Series and Genetics Graduate Student Oral Research Competition. To ensure your eligibility for the travel award, please also plan on presenting your research in poster format at the Genetics Graduate Student Poster Research Competition.
4. The scientific conference is held between August 31, 2015 - August 31, 2016.
5. Applicant is presenting a research poster or research talk at the scientific conference.
6. Applicant must submit a completed application to the GGSA Treasurer, Selene Howe (syf@tamu.edu) by the deadline, March 22, 2016. No late applications will be considered.

Application materials (see next page), should be collated and sent as a .pdf to GGSA Treasurer, Selene Howe at syf@tamu.edu with Subject: “RE: GGSA Travel Award Application 2015-2016”. After checking applicant eligibility, the GGSA Treasurer will forward all applications to the Genetics faculty of the 2015 - 2016 Travel Awards Committee for review and evaluation. The GGSA Treasurer will notify all applicants on the status of their Travel Awards Application after review.

If the applicant receives a Travel Award, then in order to be reimbursed the applicant must provide and submit proof of attendance (e.g. conference program) and original copies of all receipts (hotel, registration, etc.) to the GGSA Treasurer, Selene Howe at a regularly scheduled meeting.

For questions regarding the Travel Award application, please e-mail the GGSA Treasurer, Selene Howe: syf@tamu.edu
Genetics Graduate Student Association
Travel Award Application
2015 - 2016

Please fill out/include the following items, and send a collated .pdf of the entire application to GGSA Treasurer, Selene Howe at syf@tamu.edu with Subject: “RE: GGSA Travel Award Application 2015-2016”.

1. **Applicant Information.**
   Applicant Name:
   UIN: 
   Department:
   Degree (MS or PhD):
   Email:
   Phone:

2. **Conference Information.**
   Conference Name:
   Start Date:
   End Date:
   Location (Institute/Conference Center, City, State):

3. **Anticipated Expenses.** Please be as specific as possible, and include more rows as necessary.

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4. **Applicant Statement.** Please attach an applicant statement with a brief statement (400 words or less) explaining your reason for attendance at this conference and its impact on your research. Highlight why this meeting is important to your research, what importance this conference has in your field, and how this meeting enhances and relates to your career.

5. **Research Abstract.** Please attach your abstract for the poster or oral presentation for the scientific conference. Make sure it is tailored to an out-of-field reader, and avoid excessive jargon. This portion of the application is under critical scrutiny and weighs heavily on evaluation of application.

6. **Letter of Support.** Please attach a letter of support from your primary academic advisor acknowledging your conference participation.

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For Administrative Use Only:

Award: Yes ___ No__
Amount Awarded $________
President GGSA _____________________________
Primary Faculty Advisor GGSA _____________________________
Treasurer GGSA _____________________________
Secondary Faculty Advisor GGSA _____________________________