

The K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE) is pleased to issue the Request for Proposals for the Fall 2021 ADVANCE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds. The KAWSE Office works to increase the participation, retention and advancement of girls and women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

Purpose of Award

The purpose of this award is to enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience and enrich the lives of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines by providing funds for travel to a professional conference. Factors that enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience could 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 could include participating in professional development workshops relevant to gender inequality and inequity.

Up to \$500 will be provided by the KAWSE Office toward the expenses associated with presentation at a professional conference. The deadline for the submission of proposals is **October 31, 2021**, for travel scheduled **January 2022** through **December 2022**. Preference will be given to first-time applicants and the number of awards is contingent on funding.

Eligibility

- Postdoctoral researchers in STEM departments in the Colleges of Agriculture; Architecture, Planning and Design; Arts & Sciences; Engineering; Health and Human Sciences; and Veterinary Medicine.
(visit https://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc_travel.html for eligible departments)
**If you are unsure about your eligibility, we would be more than happy to help you determine if you are eligible. Please call us (785-532-6088) or send us an email (kawse@ksu.edu).*
- Must be a current Postdoctoral Researcher at K-State when the conference occurs in order to receive reimbursement for travel.

Application Process

Postdoctoral Researchers should send a proposal (no more than 4 pages in length) using the provided application form by **email** to Amber Bebout, KAWSE Administrative Assistant (abebout@ksu.edu), by **October 31, 2021** at **5pm**. Proposals will be reviewed by a screening committee. Please find the application form, sample applications and the rubric used by the screening committee on our website at https://advance.k-state.edu/initiatives/postdoc_travel.html.

Requirements upon Returning from Conference

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.

Career Chat Time Frame*

Spring 2022 or Fall 2022

**Postdoc Awardee & KAWSE Program Coordinator collaborate to offer this event*

Award Application Time Frame

September 2021 - call for applications on ADVANCE listserv

October 31, 2021 - application materials due per online application specifications

November/December 2021 - review of applications by KAWSE Postdoctoral Travel Fund

Screening Committee

December 2021 - notification to applicants of decision

January 2022 – public announcement of KAWSE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Fund Award

September 2022 – honoree(s) recognized at KAWSE’s Women’s Recognition Ceremony

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