The K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering (KAWSE) is pleased to issue the Request for Proposals for the Spring 2020 competition for the 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. 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.

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 February 17, 2020 for travel scheduled June 2020 through May 2021. 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, 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).

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 February 17, 2020 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.

Time Frame
Mid-January - call for applications on ADVANCE listserv
Mid-February - application materials due per online application specifications
February/March - review of applications by KAWSE Postdoctoral Travel Fund Screening Committee
April - announcement of KAWSE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Fund Award
September – honoree(s) recognized at KAWSE’s Women’s Recognition Ceremony

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