

**ADVANCE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds**

**Fall 2025 Request for Proposals for**

**Travel January 2026 to December 2026**

The K-State KAWSE Office is pleased to issue the Request for Proposals for the Fall 2025 ADVANCE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Funds. The KAWSE Office works to increase participation, retention and advancement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines.

**Purpose of Award**

The purpose of this award is to enhance the postdoctoral researcher experience and enrich the lives of people in 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.

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 10, 2025,** for travel scheduled **January 2026** through **December 2026.** 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 [the KAWSE Postdoctoral Travel Fund page](https://www.k-state.edu/kawse/advance/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 and offer professional development for KAWSE (see below).

**Application Process**

Postdoctoral Researchers should send a proposal (no more than 4 pages in length) using the provided application form by **email** to [kawse@ksu.edu](mailto:kawse@ksu.edu) by **October 10, 2025,** 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.](https://www.k-state.edu/kawse/advance/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 graduate students and/or undergraduate students about a topic relevant to enriching the lives of students 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 2026 or Fall 2026

*\*\*Postdoctoral Research Travel Fund Awardee & KAWSE Program/Project Manager collaborate to schedule this event*

**Award Application Time Frame**

September - call for applications on ADVANCE listserv

October 10, 2025 - application materials due per online application specifications

November/December- review of applications by KAWSE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Fund Screening Committee

December - notification to applicants of decision

January – public announcement of KAWSE Postdoctoral Researcher Travel Fund Award

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