



## **UNMC Dean of Graduate Studies Conference Attendance Scholarship For Minority-Focused Scientific and/or Professional Conferences**

These scholarships are meant to support student attendance at minority-focused scientific and/or professional conferences. The scholarship amount is up to \$500. The pre-approved minority-focused conferences are listed below. Applications for scholarships to attend minority-focused conferences other than those listed will also be considered on an individual basis. Attendance at the conference can be either virtual or in person.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. The applicant must be a current UNMC student in at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, enrolled in either a PhD or a Masters program and in good academic standing (GPA  $\geq$  3.0).
2. The applicant is encouraged, but not required, to submit an abstract for the minority-focused conference that will be attended with financial support from the scholarship.
3. The applicant must identify matching funds from their graduate program, department/division/institute, and/or advisor.

**How to Apply:** The student should submit the UNMC Dean of Graduate Studies Conference Attendance Scholarship form with signed attestation from the advisor, Program Director, or head of the department/division/institute confirming the availability of the matching funds via email to the UNMC Graduate Studies Office (unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu).

Awards for this scholarship will be made on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of funds. An email notification will be sent to all UNMC graduate students once the funds have been expended for the current fiscal year.

**Scholarship Payment:** After the meeting is attended, the student should submit copies of proof of relevant conference expenses (e.g., meeting registration, airline, hotel, parking, car mileage, and/or food) to the Graduate Studies Office, and the Graduate Studies Office will reimburse the student for expenses up to the \$500 limit (or up to the matching funds limit, if less than \$500). Alternatively, the Graduate Studies Office can reimburse the student's advisor's account or department/institute account if the expenses were paid by one of those sources.

**Required Report:** Within one month after the student has attended the conference, the student should submit a reflection (150-500 words in length) describing the value to the student of attending the conference to the UNMC Graduate Studies Office (unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu).

### **Pre-Approved Minority-Focused Conferences\*:**

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) National Conference  
Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS)  
Black Applied Behavior Analysts (BABA) Conference  
National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) Annual Conference  
Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (oSTEM) Conference  
Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)  
National Black Nurses Association Annual Meeting  
National Association of Hispanic Nurses Meeting  
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (has a large emphasis on diversity and inclusion)  
American Educational Research Association Conference (has an emphasis on diversity and inclusion)  
Women in Behavior Analysis (WIBA) Conference

(\*Use of funds to attend conferences not included on the list above will be considered on an individual basis. If a conference is not listed, please provide the website and a brief explanation for why you think it would be suitable for this scholarship.)

## **UNMC Dean of Graduate Studies Conference Attendance Scholarship**

### **For General Scientific and/or Professional Conferences**

These scholarships are meant to support student attendance at general scientific and/or professional conferences. The scholarship amount is up to \$500 for domestic conferences and up to \$750 for international conferences (held outside the continental U.S.).

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. The applicant must be a current UNMC student in at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, enrolled in either a PhD or a Masters program and in good academic standing (GPA  $\geq$  3.0).
2. The applicant is encouraged, but not required, to submit an abstract for the general conference that will be attended with financial support from the scholarship.
3. The applicant must identify matching funds from their graduate program, department/division/institute, and/or mentor.
4. Applicants must have qualifications in Category A or Category B or both (listed below).  
*Category A:* the applicant is someone who can contribute diverse cultural experiences or background or special talents that will lead to a richer and more diverse UNMC campus environment and that can be evaluated on an individual basis.  
*Category B:* the applicant has a demonstrated track record of commitment to the service of underserved communities and/or patients.

**How to Apply:** The student should submit the UNMC Dean of Graduate Studies Conference Attendance Scholarship form (with signed attestation from the advisor, Program Director, or head of the department/division/institute confirming the matching funds) and one or both of the statements described below in a single PDF via email to the UNMC Graduate Studies Office ([unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu](mailto:unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu)).

1. A statement explaining how you contribute diverse cultural experiences or background or special talents that lead to a richer and more diverse UNMC campus environment.
2. A statement explaining your track record of commitment to the service of underserved communities and/or patients.

For each statement, the minimum length is 1 paragraph and the maximum length is 500 words. If both statements are submitted, it may increase the applicant's chance of receiving scholarship support.

Awards for this scholarship will be made on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of funds. An email notification will be sent to all UNMC graduate students once the funds have been expended for the current fiscal year.

**Scholarship Payment:** After the meeting is attended, the student should submit copies of proof of relevant conference expenses (e.g., meeting registration, airline, hotel, parking, car mileage, and/or food) to the Graduate Studies Office, and the Graduate Studies Office will reimburse the student for expenses up to the \$500 limit for a domestic conference or \$750 for an international conference (or up to the matching funds contributed, if less than \$500 for a domestic conference or \$750 for an international conference). Alternatively, the Graduate Studies Office can reimburse the student's advisor's account or department/institute account if the expenses were paid by one of those sources (although the matching funds will still be required).

**Required Report:** Within one month after the student has attended the conference, the student should submit a reflection (150-500 words in length) describing the value to the student of attending the conference to the UNMC Graduate Studies Office ([unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu](mailto:unmcgraduatestudies@unmc.edu)).