



2025 STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

The [Northwest Scientific Association](http://www.northwestscience.org) (NWSA) seeks applications from undergraduate (BA/BS) and graduate students (Masters or PhD) to support presenting their research in the fundamental or applied natural sciences or related fields at our 2025 annual meeting in Eugene, Oregon (March 17-20th, 2025).

Purpose:

- To recognize student contributions to scientific research and engagement
- To promote opportunities for students to communicate and share scientific research results
- To provide funding support to students to participate and present at a professional scientific conference
- To promote and encourage student participation and involvement with the Northwest Scientific Association

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Proposals are due Monday, January 20th 2025 at midnight Pacific Time, submitted via NWSA Student Grant Google Form (<https://forms.gle/aRD1yYKmVG83bpmX8>).

General requirements and overview:

- The applicant must be a current undergraduate or graduate student (Masters or PhD) and enrolled as a NWSA 2025 member (student membership = \$20/yr) at the time the proposal is submitted (see website for membership information at <http://www.northwestscience.org>).
- Grant funding may only be used to support travel to attend and present at the 2025 NWSA annual meeting. Qualifying expenses include registration, meals, materials (e.g., poster printing), lodging, and transportation (airfare, mileage, etc.). Requested funds should be reasonable and well justified. Maximum allowed budget = \$1000, although a lesser amount may be awarded depending on available funds and travel distances.
- Applications will only be considered for students presenting research conducted in the northwest region of North America, including Alaska, western Canada (British Columbia, Yukon, Alberta, and Northwest Territories), and the northwestern United States (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and northern California).
- Grant recipients must attend and present their original research results (not just methods/design) as a poster or oral presentation at the 2025 NWSA annual meeting. Abstracts for presentations must be submitted and approved by due date (submission information coming soon).

Proposal requirements and formatting:

Proposals must be submitted as a single PDF document that includes:

1. Research Statement (1 page max)
2. Personal Statement (1 page max)
3. Budget and Justification (1 page max)
4. Curriculum Vitae (CV)/Resume (1-2 page max)
5. Advisor letter (signed form letter, see below)

Proposal document name should be formatted with underscore separated fields as follows: 2025\$degree_\$_lastname_\$_firstname.pdf (e.g., 2025_PHD_Jones_Jane.pdf).

Submit completed proposals to the NWSA Student Travel Grant Google Form (<https://forms.gle/aRD1yYKmVG83bpmX8>) by **Monday, January 20th 2025 at midnight Pacific Time**

The statements must be single-spaced in 12-pt Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins (no exceptions).

1. Research Statement (1-page max)- think of this as an extended/more detailed abstract

- Research project title, name, college or institution, advisor's name, your e-mail address
- Explain the topic, problem, importance of your research
- Briefly describe the relevant knowledge gap related to the topic of your research
- State the specific research objectives, questions, or hypotheses
- Succinctly describe the experimental design/methods of your research
- Communicate the major research results/findings
- Indicate the implications of the research to science, decision-making, or policy

2. Personal Statement (1-page max)

- Describe how your education and relevant experiences have contributed to your professional development
- Describe any prior or planned activities that can help inform or engage others in science
- Communicate your prior and planned experiences in promoting and advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion in research, training, or education.
- Indicate your career goals and future involvement with NWSA or other scientific communities

3. Budget and Justification (1-page max)

- Communicate your interest and need for support to attend and present at the annual NWSA meeting
- Declare any existing funds available to support attendance and presentation of your research
- Provide the source and a clear justification for each planned expenditure
- Create an itemized budget table, generally following this template:

Category	Description	Source of Estimate	Cost	Funding Requested
Registration				
Transportation				
Lodging				
Meals				
Materials				
Total Amount				

4. **Curriculum Vitae/Resume (1-2 pages max)**- a document that includes education (must provide GPA), relevant work experience, presentations, publications, awards, grants, clubs/activities, etc.

5. **Advisor letter**- A letter signed by your graduate advisor or undergraduate research supervisor/advisor with only the following statement “I support the request for student travel funds and confirm that the student has sufficient results to present their research”

Grant awarding, reporting, and contact information:

Grant awardees will be emailed prior to the annual meeting and announced at the Annual Business Meeting, at the 2025 NWSA Annual Meeting (March 17-20, 2025), and on the NWSA website.

Funding will be dispursed to awardees at the time of announcement at the annual meeting.

Preference will be given to qualified applications from individuals who have not previously received a student grant from NWSA.

Student Applicants will be separately evaluated by degree (Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate) and based on the following criteria (100 points total):

- 1) Ability to succinctly communicate research importance, findings, and implications (20 points)
- 2) Research merit and contributions to advancing understanding/outcomes of a particular topic (20 points)
- 3) Degree and quality of involvement in activites that promote professional development and success as a scientific researcher or practitioner (20 points)
- 4) Degree and quality of involvement in activities that promote engagement of others in research and science (20 points)
- 5) Detailed and well justified travel budget that communicates need for funding support (20 points)

Please direct Student Travel Grant-related questions to:

NWSA Student Grants Committee Chair:

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