



SDS Student Travel Funding Information for Students

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The policy of the UNCC School of Data Science is to offer students incentives to expand their network & skill-set and actively engage in professional community by attending conferences, industry meetings, research talks & seminars related to their focus of study. The awards are judged and coordinated by the School of Data Science Student Organization (SDS-SO). The SDS SO Board reviews each application on a weekly basis to identify the benefits to the SDS Student Community before approving the funding request. The awards are given out in the form of a scholarship, rather than an itemized reimbursement. Therefore there may be potential impacts to financial aid awards, and applicants should consult with their academic advisor.

General Application Requirements

- All requests must be submitted via the SDS Student Travel Funding Application - Google form, a minimum of 30 days prior to the day of the event.
- SDS Student Travel Funding Application - Google form link (hereinafter called the "Online form"): <https://forms.gle/dVStuMCPBDK6YJZPA>
- The Online form is accessible ONLY through UNCC Email Account.

Post-Award Requirements

- The summary of the event experience (as detailed in each of the following funding tiers), is meant to provide the student an opportunity to reflect on what they gained from experience, as well as provide their fellow students with a review of the event that we might showcase on Social Media (Facebook, website, etc.).

We recommend students take advantage of other funding sources available to them, with a reminder that a request for Student Travel funding through GPSG can also be made.

NOTE: All Request are reviewed on a case to case basis. Multiple factors are considered before a decision is made, including but not limited to courses completed, GPA, and community engagement (such as SDS-SO Events attended).

Tier 1: Local Travel Funding Request: Total Expenses equal to or lower than or equal to \$300.00

Any travel request funding where the Total Requested or the Total expenses (including Admission and Transportation and Food) being requested are \$300.00 or less.

- Along with the [Online form](#), a brief explanation of why you believe this experience will be a benefit to you, including, for example, potential educational value it has for your focus of study.
- If the funding is provided, a brief abstract of the experience is due within 14 days after the Event is over.
- This request will need the approval of at least three members of the SDS-SO.

Tier 2: Regional Travel Funding Request: Total Expenses are greater than \$300.00 and less than or equal to \$600.00

- Along with the [Online form](#), a brief explanation of why you believe this experience will be a benefit to you, including, for example, potential educational value it has for your focus of study.
- If the funding is provided, a brief abstract of the experience is due within 14 days after the Event is over.
- This request will need the approval of at least three members of the SDS-SO, including being reviewed and given approval by one SDS Faculty Member.

Tier 3: National Travel Funding Request: Total Expenses are greater than \$600.00 and less than or equal to \$1,000.00

Along with the [Online form](#), a brief explanation of why you believe this experience will be a benefit to you, including, for example, potential educational value it has for your focus of study.

- If the funding is provided, a 1-page summary or 10-minute presentation before the SDS student body with at least 2 members being SDS-SO board members is due within 21 days after the Event is over.
- This request will need the approval of at least three members of the SDS-SO, including being reviewed and given approval by one SDS Faculty Member.

Tier 4: Global Travel Funding Request: Any funding request greater than \$1,000.00

Along with the [Online form](#), a brief explanation of why you believe this experience will be a benefit to you, including, for example, potential educational value it has for your focus of study.

- If the funding is provided, a 1-page summary of your experience along with 10-minute presentation before the SDS student body with at least 2 members being SDS-SO board members is due within 21 days after the Event is over.
- This request will need the approval of at least three members of the SDS-SO. And the Letter of Explanation must be reviewed and given approval by two SDS Faculty Member.