Math & Stat Club of GSU

Call for Applications: Conference Travel for Students

This spring, the GSU Math & Stat Club is sponsoring two teams of students to attend regional meetings of the two major mathematics societies: AMS and MAA. We are seeking students interested in attending these conferences and representing Georgia State University and its mathematics community there. We encourage all students interested in mathematics to attend the conferences – and to apply for the Club's travel grant to make your trip to the conference possible. Participation in these meetings will provide you with invaluable experience and networking opportunities. And it is a lot of fun too!

If you are interested, please fill out the attached application form. The application and a recommendation letter from a faculty member must be submitted to Dr. Mark Grinshpon (office: 752 COE, email: mgrinshpon@gsu.edu) by the deadline listed below. Both paper and email submissions are acceptable.

Below is the information on the conferences and funding available. The travel grant may be used to (partially) cover fees, travel, accommodation, and food. Please also read the travel and funding guidelines attached to the application form.

- **AMS Spring Southeastern Section Meeting, March 1-3, 2013.**
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
For more info: http://www.ams.org/meetings/sectional/2207_program.html.
The Club will sponsor 4 graduate students @ $120 each.
Deadline for travel grant applications: **February 21, 2013**.

- **MAA Southeastern Section Meeting, March 15-16, 2013.**
Location: Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.
For more info: http://sections.maa.org/southeastern/maase/conference2013/.
The Club will sponsor 2 undergraduate students @ $60 each.
Deadline for travel grant applications: **March 4, 2013**.

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Travel Grant Application Form

Contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Academic information:

Are you a graduate or undergraduate student? _____

What is your major? _____

What is your current GPA? _____

In order to help the selection process, we ask the applicants to briefly answer the following questions:

Which conference are you applying for?

Are you giving a talk at the conference?

Are you presenting a poster at the conference?

Explain briefly the relevance of the conference for your study at GSU:

Are you a member of the Math & Stat Club of GSU? If yes, please describe your involvement with the Club.

Are you involved (or have you been involved) in other activities within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics? If yes, please describe. (For example: RIMMES, annual Math Competition, etc.)

Are you involved (or have you been involved) in other mathematics or statistics related activities? If yes, please describe.

Please provide the name of a faculty member (from the Dept of Math and Stat) who can support your application: _____

Signature: _____   Date: _____

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Guidelines for Allocation of Travel Money

General Guidelines

Any student representing Georgia State University while attending any conference, workshop, or other activity and while traveling to and from these events is considered to be on official university business and is therefore governed by the Student Code of Conduct and other Administrative Policies. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in appropriate disciplinary action as allowed by the Code. The student should be deemed to be of appropriate character to represent GSU (in accordance with the guidelines in the Student Organizations Handbook 2012-2013. In addition, all Georgia State University students on official university travel must follow the procedures below:

Participation

Students are expected to participate fully in the conference, workshop, or other activity by attending all programs and events as outlined by the conference when feasible. If participating as a part of a group, the group will seek to attend as many different sessions as possible in order to obtain the greatest amount of information and/or resources.

Proper Dress

Students must dress appropriately for the conference event based on the guidelines provided by the conference organizers and conference materials. Any questions about proper attire should be directed to the advisor or the conference organizers prior to leaving for the conference.

Alcohol Use

Students must comply with the Alcohol Policy while on university travel.

Vehicle Privileges

All trips that require usage of a University vehicle will follow all the rules as outlined by the Student Activities Office and/or Department of Recreational Services. Failure to follow the rules may result in temporary or permanent loss of driving privileges. Such acts include, but are not limited to: reckless driving, possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the vehicle, littering, failure to return the vehicle at the agreed time, personal use of the vehicle and using the vehicle as a taxi for students.

Emergency Information

Prior to leaving for a trip, it is strongly encouraged that those attending be aware of the organization's emergency protocol and complete an emergency contact card.

Additional Guidelines from the Math & Stat Club

- If presenting, the project must have a substantial mathematics portion, and this will have to be approved by the faculty committee. Students must have a recommendation from their advisor (who should be a GSU faculty member).
- If not presenting, the student must be known to the department and have participated in club or departmental events on a regular basis.
- Preference will be given to students who have no other sources of funding and are presenting.
- If car/van rental is required, the arrangements of rental would follow the standard university procedure.
- The amount of the travel grant (cf. the first page) provided by the Math & Stat Club includes payment of conference fees, as well as limited support for travel, accommodation, and food.