



The University of Michigan Postdoctoral Association (UMPDA) provides awards to support Postdoctoral Fellows wishing to attend professional conferences or meetings.

Applications will be accepted **December 1st, 2023 - January 31st, 2024** for conferences held between **January 1st - June 30th, 2024**.

Applicants may apply for one of two options:

- An award of up to \$250/each for virtual conferences
- An award of up to \$500/each for in-person conferences

*NOTE: The Conference Award will be open for applications again in June 2024 for conferences held July 1st - December 31st, 2024.*

## Eligibility

- Must be a current Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan at time of application and at the time of the meeting/conference
- Awarded funds may only be used for conference registration or travel costs associated with conference travel (flight, hotel, etc)

## Completing the Application

**To complete the application, please prepare the following:**

- Information about the conference (dates, website, etc.)

- Estimated budget for participating in the conference
- If presenting, you will be required to upload a copy of your abstract
- A short paragraph (200 words max) explaining how this award will benefit your development as a Postdoctoral Fellow

## Factors Affecting Decision

- **Presentation:** Due to limited resources, oral presentations will receive the highest priority, followed by poster presentations, and, lastly, applicants who will not be presenting.
- **Previous attendance at meetings/conferences:** Priority will be given to Postdoctoral Fellows who have not attended a meeting/conference in the past 12 months
- **Other sources of funding:** Because this is a need-based award, priority will be given to applicants with fewer sources of conference support
- **School/College and Department:** Units that have not received UMPDA Travel/Conference awards in the current year will receive higher priority
- **New awardees:** Participants who have not received UMPDA or Medical School (OGPS) Postdoc Travel/Conference Awards in the past will have higher priority

## Award Receipt

- Following review, the UMPDA Conference Award Committee will contact the selected applicants
- Any award winners who indicated that they will be presenting at the meeting/conference will be required to submit confirmation of abstract acceptance to maintain eligibility
- Funds will be disbursed through reimbursement following conference attendance

## Questions?

Please contact the UMPDA Travel Award Committee  
([UMPDATravelAwardCommittee@umich.edu](mailto:UMPDATravelAwardCommittee@umich.edu)).

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