

EMSAGE Student Research Initiative Award

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Summary:

In an effort to promote the “experiential learning and global literacy” component of the EMSAGE Laureate program, we would like to begin providing financial assistance for high-achieving individual students to pursue research projects that incur travel expense. Currently, the University provides financial assistance to undergraduates who deliver papers or posters at professional meetings, and to departments whose faculty members include undergraduates in research projects. But there is no existing coffer to assist undergraduates who need to travel for thesis research or other scholarly pursuits.

Source:

The planned source for this new initiative will be the **Vaughn and Harriet McDonald Endowed Program Fund for the Earth and Mineral Sciences Academy for Global Experience**. Department matching funds will be required for each award given.

Amount:

Up to \$300 in support of individual undergraduate research travel, contingent upon availability of funds **and** a dollar-for-dollar department match, for a total of up to \$600. Students may elect to supplement this award by pursuing other sources for potential matching funds, e.g. related institutes, research centers and the Schreyer Honors College (for Schreyer Scholars only).

Applicant qualifications:

Undergraduates in EMS with at least junior semester class standing (05 and above);
GPA of at least 3.0

Note: This is a one-time only award per student per undergraduate career. This award may not be accessed for any student groups and must be used strictly for research travel expense.

Submission Requirements:

Provide the following emails to Martha Traverse (mit5@psu.edu):

Word doc or PDF scan of 2-page description of research project, including a detailed budget;
Faculty mentor support email, defending the value of the student’s work and the project;
Agreement email (from department budget office) to match the EMSAGE award (dollar for dollar)