IS Major Conference Travel and Research Award

Purpose:
The purpose of this award is to provide financial support for undergraduate students attending international or national conferences and/or participating in undergraduate research activities related to international studies. Award funds can be used to cover expenses related to conference travel, registration, and meals associated with the professional activity. This award can also be used to support an undergraduate research project that is carried out under the supervision of an IS Major faculty member employed by UW-Madison.

Eligibility:
• Students must be declared International Studies Majors at UW-Madison.
• Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (overall and in the major) with no incompletes.
• The conference event that the student is attending, or the research the student is undertaking, must be related to International Studies.
• This funding cannot be used for study abroad or international internships.

Application Process:
• Complete the IS Major Application Form and submit to Molly Donnellan via email at molly.donnellan@wisc.edu
• The student needs to attach registration information about the conference that includes: conference brochure, location, dates, and registration fee, or attach a brief research statement with the sponsoring faculty member’s signature.
• After returning from the conference or concluding the research project, the student awardee must share what they learned with the UW-Madison IS Major community.
• Applications for fall semester conferences/research (9/1-12/31) due by Aug 20th.
• Applications for spring/summer semester conferences/research (1/1-8/31) due by Dec 20th.

Award Process:
• The IS Major offers one award in the fall and one award in the spring/summer semester.
• Awards range from $500 to $1,000 based on budget justification.
• Student applications are evaluated on a competitive basis.
• Preference given to students who connect their proposal to their current academic interests and longer-term goals within International Studies.
• Students who are first-time conference attendees, or who are presenting research at a conference, or who have not received funding from the IS Major before will be given preference in the event that applications are equally qualified.
IS Major Student Conference Travel and Undergraduate Research Award Application Form

Name:

Campus ID:

E-mail:

Phone:

1) Briefly describe the conference you plan to attend or the research project you plan to undertake.

2) Outline the academic and potential professional benefits associated with the conference or research project in relation to your IS Major.

3) Please describe the proposed educational activity that you will provide to the UW-Madison IS Major community upon your return from the conference or at the conclusion of your research. (e.g. workshop presentation, blog post for IS Major website, video interview, etc…)

4) Attach a specific budget for the conference travel or research project. The budget must include all items for which you are requesting funding (e.g. airfare, hotel, meals, and registration fees) and documentation to support those expenses.