# **Travel / Research Enhancement**

# **Funding Directions**

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Funds are available for graduate students to travel to **present their “research” at professional venues**. This includes researchers whose papers have been selected for presentation at a conference through a **peer-review process**, composers whose works have been selected through a **peer-review proces**s for performance at a conference, festival, or other prestigious venue, or performers or conductors who have been selected through a

**peer-review process** to appear in a competition, conference, festival, or other prestigious venue. These funds are not available to support thesis/dissertation research projects or course work, nor are they available to attend academic conferences. **(**[**Travel Funding**](https://www.music.msu.edu/assets/Travel_funding_for_MUS_2022_(1).pdf)**)**

Funds are also available to support activities that enhance graduate students’ research projects including travel **to participate in workshops, data collection, short courses and master classes**. The student must be an **active participant in a masterclass or other comparable educational experience**. These funds cannot be used to attend workshops with your major professor. ([**Research Enhancement**](https://www.music.msu.edu/assets/Research_Enhancement_for_MUS_2022.pdf)**)**

Under special circumstances, funding requests to purchase supplies/materials relevant to the student’s research will be considered. ([**Research Enhancement**](https://www.music.msu.edu/assets/Research_Enhancement_for_MUS_2022.pdf)**)**

This funding is only for graduate students pursuing a degree program. Students must be enrolled to receive funding.

\*\* The College of Music has annual limits on its Travel Funding and Research Enhancement monies.

***Limit of $2000 for international projects. Limit of $1200 for domestic projects. Limit of $2000***

***TOTAL for the year.*** These limits are different from the Graduate School limit, which is a career limit of

$600.

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**Application Requirements**

Completed applications can be submitted at any time during the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) or until designated funds are exhausted. Students submit only **one** application **to the College of Music Graduate Studies Office** for consideration by all offices.

1. **Complete the appropriate** [**application**](https://www.music.msu.edu/information-for-students/for-graduate-students/funding). Whether or not they provide funding, a signature from the major professor is required in 2 spots. This is an endorsement from the major professor/advisor stating that the student is making satisfactory progress in their graduate program. The form includes a summary of cost sharing with the student’s major professor, college, and when appropriate - with International Studies and Programs. The Graduate Studies Office will obtain other signatures as needed.
2. **Travel requests must be accompanied by a brief letter** from the student indicating the following:
   1. Student is registered in the semester that the funding is awarded.
   2. Name of the conference or professional meeting. Include the date(s) and the location of the conference.

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* 1. The title of the research or performance to be presented and the list of authors.
  2. **For Research Enhancement**, please explain what/where your research will be worked on and how it applies to your final project.

1. ***Submit documentation of acceptance at the conference, festival, etc.*** *E-mail acceptances are allowable.*
2. ***Include a detailed budget****, including estimated costs of airfare/travel, hotel, food, application fee, registration, tuition, deposits, etc.*
3. **If student's travel is international**, work with the Graduate Studies Office to complete a [pre-trip travel authorization](https://globalsafety.isp.msu.edu/travel-during-covid-19-pandemic/international-travel/) and register their trip in the **International Travelers Abroad Database**

([https://travelregistry.msu.edu](https://travelregistry.msu.edu/)). When that is done, the student will be automatically enrolled for international travel insurance (provided by International SOS) at no cost to the student. [Graduate School International Health & Safety Orientation (PDF)](https://grad.msu.edu/sites/default/files/content/fellowships/International%20Travel%20-%20Graduate%20School%20Orientation_1-10-2020.pdf)

* 1. Information needed, in addition to the above, includes Emergency Contact info (Name, Phone, Relationship)
  2. Please review [Travel During COVID-19 Pandemic](https://globalsafety.isp.msu.edu/travel-during-covid-19-pandemic/) for an overview of all domestic and international travel policies/considerations.

A decision on support will be made within one week after receiving all of the necessary materials. After the College of Music determines their award, we will e-mail you. We will also forward your request to The Graduate School. Their decision letters will be emailed within 2 weeks.

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