**MEST Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant**

The King Fahd Center supports the professional development of graduate students by providing a limited number of competitive conference travel grants. Any graduate student presenting research on a relevant geo-cultural topic under the supervision of a MEST faculty member may apply for travel funds to support participation (presentation of a paper/poster or participation in a workshop/roundtable) at an academic conference. Proposals will be judged on merit; amount of support will be determined by available funds.

To be eligible, applicants must also apply for a Graduate School Travel Grant (<https://graduate-and-international.uark.edu/graduate/costs-and-funding/travel-grants.php>), and must indicate any other external awards granted.

All applications must include a statement of purpose indicating conference name, location, nature of participation, and academic benefit, along with a letter of invitation to participate. In addition, each application should include a travel budget and justification, and a letter of support from the applicant’s MEST faculty advisor.

**The following application materials should be submitted to:**

King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies
416 N. Campus Drive

University of Arkansas - MAIN 202

Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701

Applications may be submitted electronically to mest@uark.edu. Receipt will be confirmed via email; if receipt is not confirmed, it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the King Fahd Center for confirmation prior to the application deadline.

**Applications must be submitted by the close of business on the day of the posted deadline, and must include the following:**

1. A completed MEST Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Application form;
2. A 1-2 page Statement of Purpose indicating the name/place of the conference, the nature of participation, and academic benefit;
3. A Letter of Invitation to present/participate or Abstract Proposal as submitted to the Conference Selection Committee and Proof of Acceptance;
4. A detailed Proposed Budget outlining expected expenses including any Registration Fees;
5. Indication of application and any support from the Graduate School or University Department;
6. A formal Recommendation Letter from the applicant’s MEST faculty advisor.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS**

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**Only applications with the following attachments will be considered for funding:**

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|  Statement of Purpose |
|  Itemized budget with justification |
|  Proof of application for Graduate School funding Letter of additional financial support (if applicable) |
|  Letter of invitation or proof of acceptance |
|  Faculty recommendation letter |

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