**MEST Undergraduate Conference Travel Grant**

The King Fahd Center supports the professional development of undergraduate students by providing a limited number of competitive travel grants to students who are presenting papers at academic conferences. Any undergraduate 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. Priority will be given to MEST majors. Proposals will be judged on merit and the amount of support will be determined by available funds. These grants may be used toward travel and other expenses associated with participation in a professional meeting.

All applications must include a statement of purpose indicating conference name, location, nature of participation, and academic benefit, along with a letter of invitation indicating that the applicant has been selected to participate. In addition, a travel budget and justification must be included, along with indication of any other financial support, and a letter of support from a MEST faculty member.

**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 Undergraduate Student Conference Travel Grant Application form;
2. A 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. Indication of any other financial support, if applicable;
5. A detailed Proposed Budget outlining expected expenses including any Registration Fees;
6. A formal Recommendation Letter from a MEST faculty member.

**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED ON A ROLLING BASIS**

**MEST Undergraduate Conference Travel Grant Application**

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| Name |  |
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| Conference Name |  |
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| Conference Date |  | Conference Location |  |
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| Total Funds Requested |  |

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

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|  Statement of Purpose |
|  Itemized budget with justification |
|  Letter of additional financial support (if applicable) |
|  Letter of invitation or proof of acceptance |
|  Faculty recommendation letter |

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