



Permanent funding sought for graduate student travel grants

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The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Graduate Student Travel Grants are officially being awarded for the 2021 International Annual Meeting, after being put on hold for the 2020 virtual meeting! The 2021 grants will be given to up to 10 students (\$750/student). The grants are so valuable for students that need financial assistance to fully participate, present, network, and get started in their careers.

This program, which is the first of its kind within the Societies, was launched just last year, and we have raised US\$27,340 to date. After selecting the 2021 recipients, the fund will have approximately \$20,000, and we want to build on that.

The travel grant program is organized *by* graduate students *for* graduate students and relies on the generosity of its donors! As members of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Graduate Student Committee, we would like to see the program grow to provide funding for travel grants every year. The first step towards this goal is raising an additional \$15,000 to establish the grant as a permanent fund.

This grant supports travel, lodging, and meal expenses for graduate students who might not otherwise be able to attend the Annual Meeting due to financial strain. The program also supports the Societies' aim to foster diversity and inclusion.

Everyone in the Societies can help us make the Graduate Student Travel Grant an annual opportunity for graduate students. We hope that you will consider donating to the cause!

We would also like to thank our generous past donors for believing in our project and supporting the creation of this fund.

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