

ABD to Career DOSS Travel Grant

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The McCormack Graduate School (MGS) is pleased to announce the Fall 2018 Call for Applications for the ABD to Career DOSS Travel Grant. The Grant is one of the programs coordinated under the MGS Dean's Office of Student Success (DOSS) Initiative.

The annual Grant provides up to 22 doctoral students with awards valued at \$500 to support their travel to academic conferences where they attend as Participant Paper Presenters or in some other key participant role such as presenting a poster or giving a Job Talk. The Grant is currently aimed at advanced Ph.D. Candidates (ABDs – students who have successfully completed required program coursework, passed qualifying exams, and defended their dissertation proposals). Conference attendance should therefore facilitate academic networking, research productivity, and the job search. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis. Eleven (11) grants are awarded per semester.

Eligibility for Award:

- Students must be currently enrolled in any doctoral program at the MGS and have completed all required coursework and have ABD status at the time of their application.
- Students must be presenting a paper, poster, job talk or some other key participant role at the conference that she/he is attending.
- Students are required to submit proof indicating their participation at the conference as a Participant Paper Presenter.
- Participation at conferences must fall between September 1st, 2018 and May 30th, 2019 to be considered for the Grant.
- This is a post-travel reimbursement grant. Students must therefore submit receipts for reimbursement of travel cost associated with their attendance at the conference. All reimbursements are subject to UMass Boston's [travel and reimbursement policies and procedures](#).
- Students may not apply for more than one grant award per year for a two-year maximum.

Required Application Materials:

Doctoral students will submit their requests for the Grant to MGS-DOSS@umb.edu. Requests must be accompanied by the following attachments (preferably as a single application package):

1. Name and contact information of requestor (including doctoral program and department).
2. Name of doctoral student's primary advisor and a short endorsement letter reflecting the student's academic standing.
3. Approved abstract with title for conference panel presentation. Include conference name, location, disciplinary association, and conference location.
4. Doctoral student's updated CV.
5. A commitment to participate for 1 year in the professional development workshops and Dean's student advising components of the DOSS Initiative

Applications for Fall 2018 will be reviewed and approved by McCormack Graduate School's college-wide GPD committee on a rolling basis.