

Applying for Travel Funds for Graduate Students

The main sources of travel funds for graduate students are:

- 1) Research mentor grants
- 2) The department
- 3) The college
- 4) The graduate school

If your mentor does not have a grant that provides for travel, you will need to apply for the other sources. Funds are limited—they are unlikely to cover all of your expenses--and will be provided only when students are presenting research conducted at WKU. You can (and should) apply for all three sources of funds at the same time. Please be absolutely certain that you fill out all forms correctly and adhere to posted deadlines.

Department and College Application

You can request travel money from the department and from the college using the Ogden College Travel Form (https://www.wku.edu/ogden/documents/travel_funding_application_student.pdf).

Download the form and open it using Adobe Acrobat or Reader. Do not try to complete the form within your web browser. Do not try to complete the form using Mac's Preview application. Complete the form using Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader. By user Adobe, the fillable forms will be preserved AND you can provide a digital signature. Using Adobe Reader or Acrobat to sign documents is an important skill that you will use again in the future.

You will submit this form via email to Kelly.Madole@wku.edu. I will forward it to the Associate Dean of Ogden College and copy you. You will receive a notification from the college when it is completed.

Graduate School Application

If you plan to request money from the Graduate School (http://www.wku.edu/graduate/aid/travel_grant.php), please apply at the same time that you apply for department and college funds. I know it would be more convenient if you could use the same form, but the Graduate School uses their own form. The Grad School application form should be included, along with all of the supporting documents. Include these documents along with the Ogden form when you submit it to the department chair.