

NRT-IMPACTS – Travel Award Application

The [NRT-IMPACTS](#) (Integrated training **M**odel in **P**lant **A**nd **C**ompu**T**ational **S**ciences) is an NSF-funded training program for doctoral students with interdisciplinary research interests across computational/data and plant science disciplines (see [award abstract](#)). For the 2021-22 application cycle, we seek to provide up to \$600 support (depending on number of applicants and availability of funds) to graduate students for traveling to conferences.

To qualify for a travel award, you must:

- Be a graduate student currently enrolled at MSU in a graduate program.
- Work on research topics interfacing computational and plant sciences that are relevant to the [goals of the NRT program](#).
- Have participated or plan to participate in at least one of [the foundation, frontier, and forum courses](#).
- Present a poster or talk in the conference you plan to attend.
- Acknowledge support of the NRT program: "This work was made possible in part by a travel award to YOURNAME from National Science Foundation DGE-1828149".

Important deadlines:

There are two deadlines for applications per year:

- April 15 with award decisions made by April 30 for travel after application deadline.
- November 16 with award decisions made by Nov 30 for travel in the coming spring.

Application materials:

Applicants should compile and send the following four documents into a single PDF to nrt@msu.edu. Applications from applicants that do not follow the instructions will not be reviewed.

1. CV (2-page maximum) – containing the following information if applicable:
 - Biographical/contact information
 - Education
 - Awards & honors
 - Research experience
 - Teaching experience – e.g. undergraduate/graduate teaching assistant etc.
 - Service experience – e.g. outreach, community service etc.
 - Publications
2. A one-page cover letter: This cover letter should provide:
 - Information about the meeting and justification for attending the meeting.
 - A brief description of the importance of this travel to your research, professional advancement and the significance of this research to your field of study.
 - Provide budget information and justification (specify additional sources if available).
3. A one-page document with the abstract of the research that you intend to submit for the meeting.
4. A one-page letter of recommendation from primary advisor: this letter from the primary advisor should state why the student should attend this meeting and the amount of matching funds if available.

Formatting guidelines: Must use Arial 11pt font or equivalent (no more than 15 characters per linear inch), page margin 1" on all sides

Review procedures and criteria:

Reviewed by the Outreach/Recruitment committees on the basis of the following criteria:

- The documents should be clear, professional, and well-written
- The requested budget is justified
- Attending the meeting will clearly impact the Trainee's career
- The strength of the letter of recommendation