Travel Scholarship and Abstract Submission Overview

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Why is SACNAS Needed?
U.S. Adult Population in 2012
Hispanics + Native Americans = 18%

Science and Engineering Workforce in 2012
Hispanics + Native Americans = 6%

Science and Engineering PhDs Awarded in 2012
Hispanics + Native Americans = <5%

What is SACNAS?
SACNAS is a society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano & Native American scientists—from college students to professionals—to attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership.
What is SACNAS?

- SACNAS National Conference
- Student Chapters
- American Indian Programming
- Science Policy
- Postdoc & Professional Programming

Conference Highlights

3,800+ attendees

What is a Travel Scholarship?

- Awards fund travel and lodging expenses to attend the SACNAS National Conference
- SACNAS invests in your conference attendance to help you achieve your educational and career goals
What does the award cover?
- Lodging (room and tax) at a conference hotel for four nights
- Air travel to/from Washington, DC

Application Requirements
- Statement of Purpose
- Academic Transcript
- Enrollment Verification
- One Letter of Recommendation

Award Eligibility
Awards offered to those pursuing advanced degree in STEM:
- Undergraduate students
- Post baccalaureates
- Graduate students
*Must be enrolled as of Fall 2015

How to Submit a Travel Scholarship Application
1. Update/Create SACNAS Profile and Membership
2. Collect Required Documents
3. Complete Application with Fall 2015 Status
4. Upload Required Documents
5. Review eContract
6. Review Application Before Submitting
After Applying

• Email confirmation
• Professionals review applications
• Notifications by end of June
• Register for Conference

Presenting your Research at 2015 SACNAS

Research presentations are a vital component of our mentoring program. SACNAS mentors provide feedback and guidance to students at every level of research experience and presentation skill.
Presentation Eligibility

• Be an undergraduate, post baccalaureate or graduate student at the time of submission.
• Create or update your SACNAS profile.
  o Be a current SACNAS member in order to access the application.
• Is this your first time submitting an Abstract? Take a look at the Student Presentations Resource page for helpful tips.

Abstract Format

Methods
• Clearly state the experimental methods/materials that you used for your project.

Results
• Results provided in summary form (even if preliminary)

Conclusion
• Emphasize new and important aspects of the study and conclusions that are drawn from them

Title
• The title should be as brief as possible.
• Use ALL UPPER CASE letters in the Title.

Introduction
• Clearly state the purpose of the abstract
Abstract Guidelines

• Submissions must be received through the submission system.
  ◦ Submission Guidelines
• Students working in the same lab must submit original abstracts.

How to Submit an Abstract

• You must be signed in to your SACNAS account before you begin your abstract application.
• Once you sign in, you can proceed to the submission website.

Steps to Submit an Abstract Application

1. Title
2. Authors
3. Keywords
4. Abstract Text
   • Include Department Chair and College Dean
5. Conclusion

How to Submit an Abstract

• When you begin your application you may save your submission progress and return to complete or edit at any time up until the deadline.
• Keep in mind that if your application is incomplete you must complete it by the deadline, otherwise we will assume you no longer are interested and will withdraw your application. No Exceptions.
• Answer all required questions.
Withdrawing an Abstract
If you must withdraw an abstract for any reason, contact Jessica Macias...

Phone: 831-459-0170 ext. 250
or
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Important Notes
• Travel scholarship and abstract application are 2 separate applications
• You may only apply to each application once
• During the summer, priority will be given to applicants in a summer research program

For More Information & Support
• SACNAS.org – Applications and Instructions
• Travel Scholarships – Eric Curiel, eric@sacnas.org or 831-459-0170, ext. 230
• Student Presentations – Jessica Macias, jessica@sacnas.org or 831-459-0170, ext. 250

Spring deadlines for both applications are May 15th!

See you in Washington, DC!
Connect with us.
#SACNAS2015
Interdisciplinary Collaboration: The Role of Diversity in STEM Innovation

2015 SACNAS National Conference
Washington, DC
October 29-31, 2015

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