**ARPAS-ANSC TRAVEL AWARD 2023-2024**

In order to promote networking with academic and industry scientists, ANSC graduate students are encouraged to apply for the ARPAS (American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists) supported travel award. Each calendar year two graduate students will be awarded a $500 scholarship to support the costs of presenting an abstract (oral presentation or poster) at a national and/or international conference related to the animal sciences. Examples of meetings include the annual conferences of the American Society of Animal Sciences, American Dairy Science Association, International Embryo Technology Society, the Poultry Science Association, International Plant & Animal Genome Conference, and other scientific societies.

Applications will be judged by a committee consisting of three faculty members, typically this would be the chair, the graduate director, and one other faculty member, unless there is a conflict of interest in which case another faculty member would participate.

Applications will be judged based on the scientific quality and composition (readability and clear description of the study) of the submitted abstract and student need. As travel and attendance at conferences can be expensive, the ARPAS award can be used to leverage applications to the Graduate School for a supplemental travel award (e.g., Jacob K. Goldhaber award).

One award will be targeted towards Winter-Spring conferences and the second award will be targeted to Summer-early Fall conferences.

* To be considered for the Winter-Spring Award, please submit your application by noon on Friday, October 20, 2023. If no award is given out for Winter-Spring, this travel award will be rolled over into the Summer-Fall Awards.
* To be considered for the Summer-Fall award, please submit your application by noon April 12, 2024.
* If the deadline for submission of the conference abstract is after the ARPAS travel award deadline, then use a draft abstract that you plan to submit.

Please note: If you do not present at the meeting, you will not be able to use the award funds. You will be required to show confirmation that your abstract was accepted before the funds will be provided to you for your use. If you subsequently do not attend the conference for any reason within your control, you may be liable to repay the award. Funds will not be provided if the conference is canceled.

Recipients of the award may be asked to provide a short presentation to the ARPAS Board of Director. Date to be determined by the 2023-2024 schedule of the ARPAS Board meetings.

Fill in the information requested on the Coversheet (next page) and attach a copy of your abstract. Submit your application as an attachment to ansc-gradprogram@umd.edu. Please include your name in the attached file name (e.g., ANSC\_ARPAS\_Award\_**your name**.pdf (or doc)).

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**Name of Student: ANSC Program (MS or PhD):**

**Name of Advisor:**

**Intended Conference:**

**Conference Dates:**

**Title of Abstract:**

Will abstract will be presented as a poster or a talk?

Briefly describe the importance of this conference to your field, your status in the ANSC graduate program (e.g., number of years in program, benchmarks achieved (e.g., approved Research Proposal, advanced to candidacy, etc.), and what other sources of support you may have for attending the conference.