



Southern Division American Phytopathological Society ***Travel Grant Application***

Graduate students and post-doctoral researchers who are good-standing members of the Southern Division of the American Phytopathological Society (SD-APS), **who plan to present a paper (oral or poster)** at the 2025 Joint Southern Division and Caribbean Division APS Meeting and **who did not receive a travel grant/scholarship the previous year** are eligible to compete for a 2025 SD-APS Travel Grant. Up to five travel grants in the amount of \$400 each may be awarded. The application will consist of a narrative statement of no more than 500 words describing the applicant's academic interests, career goals, current academic status (including courses taken), and involvement in professional activities. Descriptions of innovative projects and/or research that the applicant has conducted and/or participated in should also be included. The applicant should state how participation in the meeting will lead toward achievement of professional goals. An abstract of the presentation must also be submitted as well as a confidential letter of recommendation from the student's graduate advisor.

Applicants competing for the 2025 SD-APS Travel Grant must **1)** be enrolled in a graduate program in the Southern Division either at the time of, or within six months prior to, the abstract submission deadline or be a post-doctoral researcher at an institution in the Southern Division at the time of the abstract submission deadline; **2)** be a member in good standing of the Southern Division at the time of the meeting; **3)** present a paper at the annual meeting of the Southern Division based on work conducted at an institution in the Southern Division; **4) submit a completed application containing this SD-APS application form, the narrative statement described above, and a copy of the abstract to be presented as a single PDF;** and **5)** request a letter of support be submitted by their major advisor or PI supervisor. Graduate students competing in the [Graduate Student Research Competition](#) or the [Graduate Student Poster Competition](#) are eligible for a 2025 SD-APS Travel Grant. The rubric for judging Travel Grant applications is available on the SD-APS website.

Applicant Name & Campus Address: Applicant Phone: Applicant Email:	Graduate Student Status (please check appropriate line): <input type="checkbox"/> M.S. Student (graduation date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D. Student (graduation date: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Post-doctoral Associate (last effective date: _____) APS Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Current (paid through date): _____
Applicant's Advisor or PI:	Phone: Email:

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO: SD-APS Vice President, Rebecca Melanson at rebecca.melanson@msstate.edu by **January 10, 2025.** Applicants will receive an email notification after their application has been received. Scholarship decision notifications will be emailed approximately one month before the meeting.