

Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society Duke University Chapter

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Sixteenth Annual Sally Hughes-Schrader Travel Grant Competition

The Duke University Chapter of Sigma Xi (The Scientific Research Society), invites applications for three graduate student travel grants: an award of \$2,500 in memory of Professor Sally Hughes-Schrader of the former Department of Zoology, and two additional awards of \$1,250 each, also in her honor. Half of the funding for each award is provided from the Graduate School. The grants enable students to do research at a field site, for example, or to work at a distant laboratory to learn techniques. Support of travel to a professional meeting is also possible, although lower priority. It is not necessary to be a member of Sigma Xi to apply.

Applications should be in the form of a proposal of 1-3 pages (one inch margins, 12 point font) specifying (a) which award, and (b) anticipated benefits of the proposed travel. For field or laboratory research provide a description of the project, including methods, and pertinence of travel. For research outside the United States, include how you intend to transport samples and whether any restrictions (such as customs) apply. For support of attending a meeting, list also other meetings attended or to be attended during 2006-2007, with indication whether travel grants from other sources were used or are pending for those trips. In addition to the proposal, provide an itemized budget showing how the funding requested will be used to cover travel expenses. Include a list of other sources to which you have applied for such funding, with the decision dates of those awards.

In addition to the 1-3 page proposal and budget, the application should have a cover page that includes your name, your department, a project title, the amount of funding requested, your preferred mailing address, and your email address. The application package should also include your C.V. and a letter of recommendation from your principal advisor. Reference letters should be submitted in sealed envelopes with the signature of the advisor across the seal. Submit three (3) hard copies of applications and supporting materials in a single package to **Duke University Sigma Xi, Box 90834** (mailbox is in the Office of Student Activities and Facilities, 101 Bryan Center). No electronic copies of any application materials will be accepted. Please direct all questions to sigmaxi@duke.edu with the grant title in the subject line.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 3 AT 5:00 PM.

Awards will be announced by April 15. After completion of the travel, recipients should submit a letter to the Duke Chapter of Sigma Xi reporting results of the travel accomplished at that time.