



Dear Colleague,

The Central Massachusetts Section of the American Chemical Society (CMSACS) is instituting travel grants for students wishing to attend either the National ACS meeting (August 13-17, 2023, San Francisco, CA) or the Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM2023, June 14-17, 2023, Boston, MA). These travel grants are available to undergraduate students of institutions in the area served by CMSACS; graduate students with no other source of funding may also apply. The application requirements are listed below:

- A student applying for a grant should have a poster or oral presentation accepted at the meeting.
- Each CMSACS travel grant will typically cover up to 50% of the total cost for attending the meeting (registration, travel, lodging) up to a maximum of \$500.
- Student applications should be accompanied by the following items:
  - A brief CV
  - A letter of recommendation from the student's academic/research advisor; this letter should also list any other sources of funding (e.g. from external grants or from the student's institution) for which the student has applied
  - A budget form completed by the student (the form can be downloaded from the CMSACS website)
  - A copy of the abstract that was submitted to the meeting (please indicate if the abstract has been accepted at the time of the application). Note: Awardees must submit evidence of presentation after the meeting to receive reimbursement.

All the above items should be submitted via email to the CMSACS, at [info@cmsacs.org](mailto:info@cmsacs.org). The subject line of the email should read - CMSACS Travel Grant Application - [conference applying for] - [student first initial and surname]. For example, "CMSACS Travel Grant Application - NERM 2023 – NPerson." Applications will be reviewed by a committee selected by the CMSACS Executive Committee.

Application deadlines for specific meetings will be posted on the CMSACS website, but will generally be three weeks before the deadline to withdraw with a full refund of registration costs (registration for NERM 2023 should take place no later than May 1, 2023 to receive reduced pricing). A decision will be communicated to all applicants before the deadline for canceling one's registration for a specific meeting with full refund of the application fee. Thus, if a student's application for a travel grant is not approved there will be time to cancel the registration if no other source of funding becomes available.

The Central Massachusetts Section of the American Chemical Society is looking forward to assisting deserving students in their efforts to augment their knowledge of chemistry, enhance their exposure to the chemistry enterprise, and become involved with the chemistry community by attending and presenting at these ACS meetings.

On behalf of the CMSACS Executive Committee,  
Sincerely,

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Chair