

# Graduate Student Travel Awards

## for the National ACS Meeting in Philadelphia, fall 2008

*Sponsored by the Industrial Sponsor's Group*

Download the application form for the **Fall-2008** ACS Meeting as a (.doc) or (.pdf).

**FULL application must be received by the deadline: FRIDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 5 PM, PST**

- The ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry's Membership Committee sponsors a program to provide funding for polymer graduate students to travel to National ACS meetings to present the results of their research. **Only members of the ACS AND the Division of Polymer Chemistry who currently study at U.S. institutions are eligible for this travel award.**
- Two \$500 awards may be applied for registration, travel, and accommodations, and are restricted to the next ACS National Meeting. These awards will be limited to **one per institution (school must be within the US).**
- **One \$500 award will be based on merit and the other \$500 award will be based on any applicant who will be making his/her first presentation (regardless of format) at a National ACS meeting. In addition, financial need of the applicant will also be considered in the selection process.**
- The deadline date for **electronic receipt** of applications for a specific meeting will be no later than the deadline is listed on the POLY web pages.
- Winners will be notified approximately one week prior to the deadline for POLY preprint submission.
- To be eligible for this award, applications must be making a presentation **at a sponsored Division of Polymer Chemistry symposium**. This can be a joint symposium with another division, but POLY must be at least a co-sponsor.

**In order to apply for the award, please send the following documents:**

1. A resume (include permanent address). Maximum 2 pages.
2. A cover letter (1 page max., 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) detailing the reasons you want this award (both scientific and financial) and specifically you should outline your future career plans in the area of polymer chemistry and describe how you believe you can impact the field. It should be noted whether or not you have made a previous presentation at a national meeting.
3. A completed official application form that you may download above. The application form is also available from the POLY Business Office. (See address below or call 540-231-3029; e-mail: [kathyl@vt.edu](mailto:kathyl@vt.edu)).
4. An abstract of the work to be presented, using the standard ACS abstract format (150 words, one paragraph). See ACS web site for guidelines, <http://www.acs.org>. The abstract **MUST** be suitable to be presented in a POLY-sponsored symposium or POLY general session.

5. A letter from your advisor (1 page max., 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) confirming your participation in the meeting at which you will be making your presentation, commenting on your technical ability and potential in the field of polymer science, and listing any other travel support that would be available from the department or research grants.
6. A letter from another faculty member (1 page max, 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) noting your academic and technical merits and potential for success in the field.

**How to send these documents:**

- All documents must be sent electronically and saved in a PDF format. Documents that require signatures must be scanned and saved as a PDF. No hard copies accepted.
- Label all files as: Last name\_school\_document.pdf (For example: Hopkins\_UM\_application.pdf)
- NO zip files in the e-mail will be accepted.
- Attach all files in one e-mail.

**Where to send the application:**

- Please e-mail ALL documents to the attention of Alan R. Hopkins, Ph.D. member, membership division, Division of Polymer Chemistry
- E-mail address: [alan.r.hopkins@aero.org](mailto:alan.r.hopkins@aero.org)

**Questions?**

Questions about the award should be addressed by e-mail ([alan.r.hopkins@aero.org](mailto:alan.r.hopkins@aero.org)) or by phone: 310-336-5664.

**Final notes:** Through this award program, the ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry hopes to increase the participation of younger scientists in the field of polymer chemistry.