The NAU Department of Astronomy and Planetary Science is proud to offer financial support for graduate student professional development.

What is Supported: The grants program provides financial support to cover expenses for graduate students attending (in-person or digitally) conferences, workshops, trainings, or any other research-related events. Requests for research-related supplies costs will also be considered.

How to Apply: An application consists of a student-written, one-page funding proposal as well as a statement of support from the student’s advisor. The proposal must include a detailed budget and should address how the support will benefit the DAPS PhD program. The advisor statement of support should indicate whether existing research funds could cover any proposed expenses. Due to overall funding availability, award amounts are typically limited to $1,000 (or less). Applications are accepted anytime.

Application Rules: Applicants requesting funding to attend a conference or workshop must be presenting either a research-related talk or poster. Online research trainings for single or multiple students are allowable.

Acceptance Rules: Awardees must provide a statement describing their experience and how the funds have helped with advancement towards career goals. Students who accept any advanced grant funding but who do not attend the proposed event must reimburse the grants program.

Application materials should be sent to the APS Graduate Program Chair (astronomy.grad@nau.edu) with subject “Graduate Student Grants Program.”