The NAU Department of Astronomy and Planetary Science, with support from the College of the Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences, is proud to offer 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, and other research-related events. For the 2020/2021 academic year, grants will also be awarded to help mitigate research-related issues stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak.

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. For the 2020/2021 academic year, deadlines are Sep. 11th, Feb. 12th, and May 14th.

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. Requests for research funding to help with issues stemming from the COVID-19 outbreak are also 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.

Applications should be sent to Tyler Robinson (tyler.robinson@nau.edu) with subject “Graduate Student Grants Program.”