



Call for Proposals – CCBM Scholar Travel Awards –2019-2020

We are pleased to call for applications for CCBM Scholar Travel Awards. CCBM Scholars are eligible for awards up to a maximum of \$500 for domestic travel related to their research efforts. Grants will be awarded on an ongoing and competitive basis. The submission deadline for the 2019-2020 CCBM Scholars cohort is August 15, 2020.

The award is meant to offset travel expenses to a professional conference or workshop. Students should ideally have submitted an abstract for an oral or poster presentation or have received an invitation for an oral presentation. Participation in a relevant summer/winter school or workshop will also be considered as an appropriate use of these funds. All expenditures are subject to applicable University of California regulations. All publications, presentations, posters, etc. must acknowledge support from: ***NSF-CREST: Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines at UC Merced (NSF-HRD-1547848).***

The applicant should submit a single pdf document containing the following (at least 6 weeks in advance of planned travel):

- A summary of the conference/workshop to be attended and any additional justification for the award (no more than one page). For conferences, the proof of abstract submission or the letter of invitation must be included.
- A full budget for the proposed travel including a tentative itinerary and estimated travel costs.
- An up-to-date CV including current graduate GPA; graduate training start date at UC Merced; progress towards PhD degree, expected time to graduation, publications, presentations, posters, awards, and any other academic achievements. Please also include Citizenship Information/NSF categories (U.S. Citizen, Permanent Resident, Other Non-U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, Not Reported), so the correct account can be charged [in accordance with National Science Foundation (NSF) funding guidelines].

Awards will be made based on the following criteria:

- Fit with CCBM research mission
- Excellence [quality of abstract, scientific impact, scientific audience, invited (yes/no)]
- Financial need

Applications should be submitted electronically to CCBM Executive Director Carrie Kouadio (ckouadio@ucmerced.edu). The email subject line should read "CCBM Scholar Travel Award Application" and must include all the requested material as one pdf file.

Qualifications

- Applicants must be current CCBM Scholars.
- Applicants must currently be enrolled in at least 12 units in a PhD graduate program, and expect to maintain this enrollment through the 2019-20 academic year.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing.

For approved travel expenses, the student will be reimbursed after the travel occurs. The traveler will submit receipts and back-up documentation to their usual UC Merced travel reimbursement staff (after travel occurs); CCBM will provide the FAU to cover approved expenses.