



**UNIVERSITY OF
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Graduate School

UGA Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Questions, Spring 2024

Q. When will these changes go into effect?

A. The changes will go into effect for conference travel that begins in FY25 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). The first submission deadline for these changes is June 8, 2024.

Q. If a graduate student received travel grants prior to July 2024, will they still be able to obtain Graduate School travel grants?

A. Students who already received travel funding from the Graduate School will be eligible for two lifetime travel grants beginning FY 2025 (July 1, 2024), provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

Q. If a student starts in a master's program and later enters a doctoral program, how many travel grants may they obtain?

A. Two. A student is limited to one travel grant in a master's program which they may obtain in their second year of full-time graduate study. If they enroll in a doctoral program, then they are eligible for one more. Students may wait to use both in their doctoral program. The lifetime limit of two travel grants includes all UGA graduate degrees.

Q. Does travel to Hawaii and other non-contiguous U.S. states and territories count as International Travel?

A. Yes, applications for travel to Hawaii and other non-contiguous U.S. states and territories must be submitted on the International Travel form. These trips count toward the maximum of one international travel grant per graduate student.

Q. What does it mean that funding for doctoral students is prioritized?

A. The pool of funding for master's students will be limited in each travel grant cycle, and master's students are likely to be funded at lower levels than doctoral students. Furthermore, doctoral students who have reached candidacy will be prioritized over those in pre-candidacy stage in the amount of money received.

Q. Why do doctoral students have to complete five semesters to be eligible for funding?

A. Because travel funds are limited, the Graduate School has chosen to prioritize students in later stages of their programs so that the conference presentations are more impactful for the students and for the University.

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