Conference Funding Report
NYU Student Senators Council

Academic Year 2014-15
The Student Senators Council (SSC), with the generous assistance of the Senior Vice-Provost for Research, established a fund to support students traveling to conferences to present an academic project, a creative exhibit, or artistic performance. The purpose of these grants is to encourage and assist student presentations by offsetting the costs of travel, registration, and lodging.

All students in good academic standing, who have matriculated into a degree-granting program at NYU are able to submit an application to the Conference Fund. The Conference Fund provides awards of up to $750 to students attending conferences within the United States and up to $1,000 for those traveling internationally.

After a student has submitted required application materials, the Conference Funding Committee will review the application and select grant recipients. The committee, consisting of selected members from student government, review applications at least once a month on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis, and the review process is ongoing. At the end of the academic year, the Conference Funding Committee hosts a colloquium for grant recipients, members of student government, and university administration to showcase awardees’ projects and presentations.
APPLICATIONS

There was a 35 percent increase in the number of applications received from Academic Year 2013-14 to Academic Year 2014-15, from 81 applications to 109. Applicants hailed from 15 of NYU’s 18 schools and colleges, nearly doubling the diversity of programs from last year’s submissions.

The majority of applicants were enrolled in the Graduate School of Arts and Science, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development, and College of Arts and Science. Approximately 78 percent of applicants were enrolled in graduate programs, including Master’s, J.D., and Ph.D. programs.
AWARD RECIPIENTS

The committee awarded a total of $40,000 to 64 applicants, an average of $625 per grant. Increased funding from the Student Senators Council (SSC) and Senior Vice-Provost for Research allowed the committee to award an additional 19 grants from the previous academic year.

64
Number of applicants that received grants

59%
Percent of applicants that received grants

45%
Percent of student need met by the Fund

$550
Average grant awarded to recipients attending domestic conferences

$742
Average grant awarded to recipients attending international conferences

The Conference Funding Committee selects applicants with outstanding academic records who have the strong written support of an academic or professional reference and a demonstrated interest in attending a conference related to their academic or professional goals.
CONFERENCES

Students receiving a Conference Fund grant represented NYU at more than 60 conferences worldwide, that provided academic, leadership, and/or professional development including:

66th Student Conference on United States Affairs
2014 Intercollegiate Literary Conference
Annual Conference of Assoc. of Black Sociologists
American Public Health Assoc. Annual Mtg. & Expo
Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U)
Constellations, Clusters, Networks
Frontiers in Polymer & Biomolecular Chemistry
Gender Development Research Conference
Global Engagement Summit
Knowledge & Models in Climate Science
Latin American Studies Assoc. Congress
Making Sense of Food (Food3)
Oxford Education Research Symp.
Semiotics of the Circus
Social Science Historical Assoc. Mtg.
Society for Personality & Social Psychology Mtg.
United Against Inequities & Disease National Symp.
World Federation for the Deaf Congress 2015

Award recipients traveled to four continents, 15 different countries, and 16 states or territories within the United States, exemplifying the ideals of the Global Network University.