

Conference Funding for Students

Psychology students have the opportunity to attend conferences whether to participate or simply attend. Funding is available to cover part or all of the costs incurred and can come from a variety of sources. The following competitive funds are available:

Provost's Office: Students who are conducting a major research project under the supervision of a faculty member might benefit from presenting their results at a local, regional, or national professional conference. The Provost office will provide individual awards of up to \$400 for conference registration fees, lodging, and/or travel. Recipients must be current students at the time of the conference or within 3 months of graduation. They also must be presenting their work as a poster, oral presentation, or paper. To apply for the funds, students should send an email to Dr. Eileen McQuade (mcquade@westmont.edu) with the conference details, an itemized budget, and a 100-200 word description of the work they will be presenting. A short letter of support from the sponsoring faculty member must also be provided. Students are also encouraged to apply for supplemental funds from the relevant academic department. Approximately \$2500 for awards will be available annually.

C. Eugene Walker Award: An endowed award established in 2000 to enable psychology students to attend a psychology convention, meeting, or training session. Dr. Walker, who was a professor in the Westmont College psychology department from 1964-1968, decided to recognize outstanding psychology students with this award. The awards pay up to \$300 and must be used for expenses incurred from attending a psychological convention, conference, meeting, or training session. Acceptable expenses include travel to and from the meeting, registration fees required to attend, and necessary lodging and meals while attending. Receipts for expenses must be submitted for reimbursement. For eligibility and application, please refer to the award description at the following link: <https://www.westmont.edu/psychology-resources-current-students>.

Dodrill Psychology Endowment: These awards (up to \$300) must be used for expenses incurred from presenting at a psychological convention, conference, or meeting. Acceptable expenses include travel to and from the meeting, registration fees required to attend, and necessary lodging and meals while attending. Receipts for expenses must be submitted for reimbursement. For consideration, please submit conference details, an itemized budget, and a 100-200 word description of the work to be presented to: Dr. Ronald See (rsee@westmont.edu).

Conferences/Direct Funding: Psychology society conferences may provide funding by having the student work at the registration desk or be assigned to some other support staff position. In addition to working at the conferences, most organizations offer various travel awards for which students can apply. Below are links to some of the more common psychology conferences:

APA: <https://www.apadivisions.org/division-49/awards>

APS: <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/members/apssc/travel>

SPSP: <https://spsp.org/membership/awards> (must be a member to apply)

PSI CHI: The International Honor Society in Psychology (PSI CHI) offers awards and grants for which students may apply. Membership in PSI CHI is required. More information is available at: https://www.psichi.org/page/1_undergrad_main