

BMI Travel Fellowship

The BMI Travel Fellowship is for students who have been accepted to present at a conference (presentation/paper/poster).

Award Amount: Up to \$1,000 per student

Eligibility

1. All PhD and MD/PhD students in good standing who are enrolled in a BMI graduate program AND are working in a BMI Department primary or secondary faculty's laboratory.
2. The Fellowship in general is limited to once per student per FY year. Exceptions may also be made by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.
3. The applicant must either give a podium presentation, have a paper accepted in the conference proceedings, or present a poster at the conference.
4. The applicant must apply for the UC's Graduate Student Governance Association (GSGA) funding **before** submitting the application.

Application materials:

1. Information of the conference: Name, time, location and a Web link to the conference.
2. Proof of acceptance of presentation/paper/poster.
3. Proof of application to GSGA funding.

Application process:

1. Applications will be reviewed four times a year, with the last business day of December, April, June and September being cutoff days.
2. Receipts must be submitted for reimbursement within three weeks after the travel is concluded.
3. Eligible expenses include registration fees, travel, mileage, meals and lodging costs, as allowed by the appropriate UC or CCHMC travel reimbursement policy. The award will reimburse for up to \$1,000 of eligible expenditures.

Apply here: <https://ccaps.research.cchmc.org/welcome>

BMI Rising Star Award

The BMI Rising Star Award provides support for an outstanding student in BMI.

Award Amount: \$2,500

Eligibility

1. All PhD and MD/PhD students in good standing who are enrolled in a BMI graduate program AND are working in a BMI Department primary or secondary faculty's laboratory.
2. Applicants must have passed qualifying exams and must not have defended their thesis at the time of application.
3. The applicant in general should not have received the award in previous years.

Application process

1. Competition will be held once a year (materials due December 31);
2. Applicants must submit the following materials:
 - A. NIH format biosketch
 - B. A recommendation letter from the student's thesis advisor. Additional letters of support may be submitted but are not required.
 - C. Personal statement summarizing his/her research interests, achievements and on-going work, not to exceed 2 pages.
3. A committee of BMI graduate faculty will review all applications for eligibility and merit each January. Faculty having close association with any candidate will be recused from assessment of that candidate's application.
4. The award will be formally announced in late January and will be presented by the BMI Department Chair at a subsequent Department meeting, followed by the awardee's presentation of work at a BMI seminar.

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BMI Creative Scholar Award/Grant

The BMI Creative Scholar Award provides support for the next generation of BMI researchers with independent and innovative ideas that have the potential to significantly impact the field of biomedical informatics.

Grant Amount: Up to \$5,000

Eligibility

1. All PhD and MD/PhD students in good standing who are enrolled in a BMI graduate program AND are working in a BMI Department primary or secondary faculty's laboratory.
2. Graduate student applicants must have passed qualifying exams, must not have defended their thesis, and are in good standing at the time of the application.
3. Research fellows/post-doctoral fellows, clinical fellows, and other post-baccalaureate trainees in BMI Department primary faculty laboratories are also eligible.

Application process

1. Competition will be held once a year (due December 31).
2. Applicants must submit the following materials:
 - A. NIH biosketch
 - B. A two-page proposal describing how the fund will be used, including significance of the project, a research plan, budget, and budget justification. Innovativeness and the independent nature of the proposal will be the major criteria in the selection process.
 - C. A recommendation letter from the student's thesis advisor that acknowledges the student came up with the idea independently.
3. The application must be approved by the applicant's mentor/supervisor.
4. A committee of BMI graduate faculty will review all applications for eligibility and merit each January. Faculty having close association with any candidate will be recused from assessment of that candidate's application.
5. The previous year's awardees will be invited to present their award-related project in a BMI seminar.

Some examples of appropriate applications are listed below:

1. Research projects. One of the intentions of this award is to help graduating trainees to become independent investigators (mini NIH K99/R00 grants). Therefore, the proposed projects/ideas must not be a direct component of the applicants' dissertation topics or PI's projects.
2. Spin-offs of a larger project that have not been funded by other sources. For example, a new scientifically or clinically oriented mobile app.
3. Organization of an event that significantly promotes BMI's academic influence. For example, online competition, hackathon, workshop, etc.
4. Development of a new code library of value to BMI researchers
5. Organization of a cloud based bioinformatics service for BMI-developed tools

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BMI Teaching Fellowship

Recipients of the BMI Teaching Fellowship will be required to serve as a Teaching Assistant (TA) for one semester during the academic year in which the fellowship is granted.

Fellowship Amount: \$2,500

Eligibility

1. All students in good standing who are enrolled in the BMI PhD program AND are working in a BMI Department primary or secondary faculty's laboratory.
2. Applicants must have passed qualifying exams and must not have defended their thesis at the time of application.
3. Applicants must have achieved an A grade in the course they are applying to TA for.

Application process:

1. Competition will be held twice a year (materials due by June 1st for Fall Semester TA & October 1st for Spring Semester TA)
2. The application must be approved by the applicant's mentor/supervisor.
- 3.. Applicants must submit the following materials:
 - A. TAship form signed by: academic advisor, program director, and course director(s)
 - B. A one-page document addressing why they believe they would be a good fit as a TA and how it fits in with their career goals.
4. A faculty committee in coordination with the Program Director will be convened to review proposals and determine the fellowship recipients.
5. Priority will be given to new applicants with a strong interest in teaching as part of their future career and preference will be given to core courses in the BMI curriculum.