

SEDAAG Travel Award

Announcement

In light of the recent economic downturn and significant budget cuts in many colleges and universities, SEDAAG has established a one-time travel award to provide modest assistance with the cost of attending the annual conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, Nov. 22-24, 2009. The competitive award will assist a limited number of students and early faculty who have a paper or poster accepted for inclusion in the SEDAAG meeting program. Eligibility for travel awards is limited to the first author (or presenting author) on papers and posters.

Ten awards of \$60 each will be given to students and six awards of \$100 will be given to early faculty members. The amount of each award is sufficient to cover conference registration costs to the annual meeting and to assist awardees with attending the honors banquet planned for Monday, November 23. Currently-enrolled undergraduate and graduate students (master's and doctoral) are eligible for an award unless they are presenting a paper or poster at the Knoxville meeting as part of the students honors competition. Students in the honors competition already have their registration and banquet costs waived. Faculty members are eligible for a travel award if they have received their PhD in the past five years. All applicants should be based in the 10-state SEDAAG Region and be a member in good standing with the Division (membership forms are available at www.sedaag.org). Reminder: Membership dues for the Regional Division are separate from dues paid to the Association of American Geographers.

Award decisions will be made by a special committee organized by SEDAAG President, Derek Alderman, and approved by the Executive Committee. Award decisions will be based on the merits of the planned presentation as determined through an evaluation of the papers and poster descriptions submitted for review by the Program Committee. While the quality and intellectual significance of the planned presentation will be the primary consideration, there will also be an effort to ensure that travel awards are distributed fairly across states, sub-disciplinary boundaries, and student classifications.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must have a paper or poster accepted for inclusion in the program of the 2009 SEDAAG Meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee. Decisions about inclusion of papers and posters are not made by the Travel Award Committee but by the Program Committee, chaired by Vice President Jonathan Leib. See spring/summer 2009 newsletter (at www.sedaag.org) for guidelines and deadlines for submitting papers and posters to the Program Committee.
- The planned paper or poster presentation must be of high quality.
- Student applicants must be currently-enrolled undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in geography at a college/university located within the 10 state SEDAAG Region.
- Faculty applicants are limited to those who have received their PhD in the past five years (2005-2009) and currently teach geography at a college/university located in the SEDAAG Region.
- All applicants must be current members of SEDAAG upon submission of paper or poster for consideration.
- Meeting participants from outside the Division are not eligible for travel awards.

Submission Process - Electronic copies only

Application materials should be emailed by October 26, 2009 to aldermand@ecu.edu with "SEDAAG Travel Award" clearly stated in the subject line. Applications must be sent in one complete document (Word or PDF). A complete application consists of: (1) acknowledgment that paper or poster has been accepted for inclusion in annual meeting program, (2) a copy of the full paper or poster description originally submitted to the Program Committee, and (3) a brief letter from a major advisor (for students) or department chair (for faculty) confirming current enrollment or employment status of applicant.