



ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Award for the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) 2019 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

ABOUT THE AWARD

The NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Award will support the development of junior investigators focused on women's health or sex/gender differences, who are also interested in research policy, by providing one travel award to help defray the cost of attending OSSD's annual meeting on May 5–8, 2019, in Washington, DC. ORWH requests that interested investigators submit an abstract on a policy-related matter connected to women's health or sex/gender differences for consideration as a poster, oral session, or symposium at OSSD's annual meeting. A panel of experts will review the abstracts, and the author of the one chosen will receive the travel award. Attendance at the OSSD meeting will be a unique opportunity for an investigator to network with leading scientists and clinicians working to advance sex and gender inclusion and policy.

AWARD AMOUNT

One ORWH award of up to \$3,000 will be available to support the travel of the selected NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar whose OSSD abstract on women's health or sex/gender differences policy is accepted for a poster, oral session, or symposium at OSSD's 2019 annual meeting.

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

- Application period ends February 1, 2019
- Announcement of award recipient: March 15, 2019 (*Individual will be notified via email.*)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligibility requirements for the NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Award are:

- Must possess a baccalaureate or higher graduate degree, be a medical student from any health-related discipline, a post-doctoral trainee, an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow, a medical resident, a member of the uniformed services or national guard, or an investigator who is no more than 5 years past doctoral degree or residency.
- Must be the first author on the submitted OSSD abstract for presentation.
- Federal employees are not eligible for this award.

Investigators from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are encouraged to submit abstracts related to research policies relevant to women's health and sex/gender differences. Examples include but are not limited to the following:

- (1) Studies of the effects of these policies in promoting the research;
- (2) Identification of policy gaps that might promote such research and projection of their effects; or
- (3) Identification of specific research disciplines and/or research topic areas where more work is needed to promote women's health and sex/gender differences.



Submit your abstract on the OSSD website on the [OSSD Travel Award Page](#). Please note, OSSD's application portal will open after December 1. Once you have submitted your application, send an email to Dana Simms at dana.simms@nih.gov with the required attachments:

- Email subject line: NIH ORWH and OSSD Science Policy Scholar Travel Award Application for 2019 OSSD.
- Attach a copy of the abstract submitted to OSSD, including title and authors (in Word format).
- Attach your curriculum vitae (saved in .doc or .docx format). List all NIH grant support, if applicable.
- Include your mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- Attach a cover letter in Word format stating:
 - (1) your eligibility (see requirements in Who Can Apply section above);
 - (2) your interest in pursuing policy research on women' health and/or sex and gender differences; and
 - (3) your career goals.
- Provide a letter of support from your academic advisor, mentor, or fellowship director (in Word format).
- Submit applications by Friday, February 1, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. EST

QUESTIONS

For questions about the award, please contact Dr. Samia Noursi, Associate Director for Science Policy, Planning and Analysis, at NIH ORWH. You can reach Dr. Noursi via email at samia.noursi@nih.gov or via phone at 301-496-9472.

ABOUT NIH, ORWH

NIH is committed to improving the health outcomes of men and women through support of rigorous science that advances fundamental knowledge about the biology and behavior of living systems. In 1990, NIH established ORWH, which works in partnership with NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices and other agencies and offices within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to advance the health of women. In 1993, Congress passed the NIH Revitalization Act (Public Law 103-43), which mandates that women and individuals from underrepresented groups be included in NIH-funded clinical research. Since that time, NIH has developed and implemented policies related to the inclusion of women, minorities, and children in NIH-defined clinical research. These policies have been rolled out in phases since 2001, with parallel changes in review activities and requirements.

NIH continues to address the issue of sex and gender inclusion and reporting across biomedical research multi-dimensionally – through program oversight, review and policy, and collaboration with extramural researchers, health care providers, advocates, and the public. This includes developing policies that require researchers to consider sex as a biological variable (SABV) in the design, analysis, and reporting of all basic and preclinical studies. In January 2016, consideration of SABV became a requirement in NIH grant applications that include vertebrate animal and human studies.

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