

MEDICAL SCHOLAR RESEARCH PATHWAY PROGRAM

Medical Researcher Travel Award

The Medical Researcher Travel Award (MRTA) incentivizes excellence in scholarly medical research by defraying medical student travel costs associated with presenting accepted research abstracts for oral or poster presentation at professional medical conferences.

To be eligible for the MRTA award sponsored our Office verify that you are a matriculated Texas A&M School of Medicine *single-degree* medical student (M1-M4) or master student in good academic standing. This award is offered twice a year (June and December). Candidates should show that their conference falls in the period covered by Spring MRTA (January to June) or Fall MRTA. Students can only apply to the MRTA **once** per academic year.

Note that all MRTA applications are reviewed by a faculty committee based on quality of the research project and the professional development impact. The rubric is posted on the MRTA webpage.

MRTA Application Submission Guidelines

All MRTA documents (completed sections in the form, conference original abstract description and the email verifying that the abstract was accepted). Submitted your application packet by email to MED-OMSRE@tamu.edu, with a copy to program coordinator, Dr. Selina Nigli (nigli@tamu.edu). Application deadlines are offered **twice** a year and they open in May and November. The application packet subject line should read “Your last name MRTA_year” and must be submitted by the deadline to be reviewed by the faculty.

Checklist:

1. Email that shows that the MRTA applicant research abstract was accepted to a national medical conference.
2. Submit written documentation that substantiates that you have received a formal invitation to present your research at a conference scheduled during the semester that your MRTA is submitted for consideration (e.g., email, letter).
3. Include a copy of the original abstract as pdf file, that you submitted and was accepted to the professional medical conference.

Table 1: MRTA Applicant Information

Medical student name:							
Submission date:	MM	DD	YYYY	Processing Date [completed by our Office]	MM	DD	YYYY
Class year:	YYYY		Student UIN:				
COM campus:							
Presentation type: [check]	Poster	Oral talk	Workshop	Other format:			
Presentation title:							
Poster paper acceptance date:	MM	DD	YYYY	Oral talk invitation date:	MM	DD	YYYY
Medical conference:							
Conference URL:							
Travel departure date:	MM	DD	YYYY	Travel return date:	MM	DD	YYYY
Conference Location:	City			State	Country		
Faculty research mentor:	Name:						
	Institution:						
	Department:						
	Job title:						
	Work email address:						
Student residency choice							

Table 2: MRTA Travel Budget

Please list transportation, conference registration and hotel costs. Specify if your medical conference provides meals and use state per [diem rates](#) to itemize unaccounted meals.

You must provide receipts before you travel (e.g., conference registration, airfare, poster printing costs). Upon award notification, submit copies of the other expenses (per diem meal costs, lodging) after you complete your travel.

	Amount available for travel secured from other sources (\$)	Requested amount (\$)	Justification / comments
External Funding (from PI funds, Other COM funds)			
Personal finances			
Conference registration fee			
Public transportation costs (e.g., airline, train, subway, bus, uber)			
Rental car transportation costs			
Personal car gas mileage*			
Food (specify dates and use State per diem rates)			
Poster printing costs			
Lodging (hotel, Air B&B)			
Total travel \$			

Addendum: 1-page MRTA budget addendum

- 1) Provide an itemized list and justify financial need of incurred additional travel expenses.
- 2) Calculate your personal vehicle or rental car fuel cost by calculating rates using the state mileage at <https://fmx.cpa.texas.gov/fmx/travel/mileage/index.php>.
- 3) List your meal per-diem request in a table: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/per-diem-rates-lookup>.
- 4) Attach copy of all travel receipts.

Narrative 1: MRTA Research Abstract

Provide in your own words a synopsis of your medical research project goals, results and study conclusions. Use no more than 250 words, do not copy/paste the abstract that was accepted at the professional conference.

Narrative 2: Medical Student Professional Impact

In a succinct 300 word narrative, please describe the professional career impact you experienced after having the opportunity to present and discuss your research at a medical conference. Don't forget to mention: 1) The conference scope, audience and specific medical area of research you focused on, and 2) how does your research fit with your residency plans after medical school.

Table 3: MRTA Application Signatures

To complete your MRTA application, please collect the required 3 signatures below (student applicant, PI / research mentor, department head / clerkship director).

Note that a clerkship director may replace a department head signature for MSRPP-MSR students. * indicates this is an optional signature.

	Printed Name	Signature
Medical student		
Principal investigator (PI)		
Research mentor (if different from PI)*		
Department head		
Clerkship director (if appropriate)		
Comments / questions		
Travel application number	To be completed by the Office of Medical Student Research Education	