Hartmann Student Travel Grant Program

Travel grant applications usually open sometime in June/July. Please check back for the 2020 Spokane, WA deadline!

Travel Grant Application Form [1]

Student travel grants to the DPS annual meetings prior to 2006 had been financed mostly through the generosity of corporate and private donors. In particular, Bill Hartmann has quietly been giving money for student travel for many years. To honor Bill, and to expand the number of student grants, at the 2006 Fall meeting the DPS announced the formation of the Bill Hartmann Student Travel Grant Program, to be supported by an endowment of $100,000. All interest on this money will go to support student travel grants to DPS meetings.

We thank Bill for letting us use his name on the endowment. What's more, he also made a substantial donation to get it started.

We invite the rest of the DPS community to donate to this fund.

Donating

Making a contribution is easy, via the AAS donation Web pages, simply follow these steps:

1. Follow this link [2] and log into your AAS account if not already
2. If you lose your place after logging in, return to the contributions page by clicking the DONATE tab near the top of the screen
3. Click the DPS tab and enter amount under "DPS Hartmann Student Travel Grant Program"
4. Click the "Add to Cart" button in the bottom right hand corner
5. Click "Cart" in the uppermost left hand corner to check out and follow instructions for payment

The AAS will handle the details including acknowledging your contribution for tax purposes. All donations are tax deductible.

You also can contribute to the DPS Hartmann Student Travel Grant Program by sending a check made out to the American Astronomical Society to:

American Astronomical Society
1667 K Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20006

Please note in the memo line of your check that your contribution is to go to the DPS Hartmann Program so that it is credited to the correct account.

Testimonials
As an undergraduate senior, receiving a Hartmann Grant and attending the DPS 2009 conference in Puerto Rico provided for me crucial face-to-face interaction with faculty and research scientists in my field. I had just completed over 400 nights of observing on a two-year undergraduate research project on asteroids, and I had an exciting result to present to my future advisors and colleagues. As a senior undergraduate, I was also keenly interested in investigating graduate school planetary science programs, and the conference provided the ideal environment for me to dialogue with faculty and graduate students from top-level universities. I was able to get into six out of seven of the astronomy Ph.D. programs that I applied to, giving me a host of excellent options for graduate study next year. Many thanks to the Hartmann Grant donors for their efforts to make opportunities like this possible!
— Melissa Haegert

The Hartmann student travel grant, which allowed me to attend the DPS meeting last year (2009), was incredibly useful to my graduate career. I was able to give my first talk, work with collaborators from across the country that I rarely see, and meet the people whose papers are the foundation for some of my research projects. By talking with researchers in my field, I even got an idea for a new project that I plan on pursuing this year. Thanks,
— Statia Luszcz-Cook