FUNDING FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

A fund administered by the Office of Academic Affairs with the support of the Dean’s office provides modest funding for M.Div. and M.A.R. students who are presenting papers or substantial presentations at professional society meetings and conferences. The paper and/or the conference must focus on a topic that makes rigorous use of religious or theological reflection.

Guidelines for application

1. Students must submit a grant request to the academic dean no more than three months and no less than one month before the date of the conference or professional society meeting. This grant request must include:
   a. The title, date and location of the conference, the title of the paper to be delivered by the student, and a one-paragraph description of the paper.
   b. A copy of the official program with the student's name printed in it. This must be submitted with the receipts if there is no advance copy available.
   c. A maximum one-page statement of support from a full-time YDS faculty member (preferably, as an e-mail addressed to the Academic Dean and sent to Lynne Lavalette at lynne.lavalette@yale.edu) that states the nature of the paper, the student's readiness to undertake such a presentation, and the faculty member's estimate of how successful the paper will be.
   d. A projected budget for the student's total expenses associated with the conference.
   e. The amount requested by the student.

2. The maximum grant is $400 per student. A student may receive funding only once in her or his academic career at YDS.

3. The grant must be used to help defray expenses associated with travel, lodging, and meals while the student is attending the conference. The grant cannot be used to purchase alcohol.

4. The student must submit detailed receipts to the academic dean, who will verify the expenses. Only expenses that are accompanied by receipts and applicable boarding passes can be reimbursed.

5. Applications may be submitted by e-mail attachment to Lynne Lavalette at lynne.lavalette@yale.edu.