

MSEC2018 and NAMRC46 Student Travel Award

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An anticipated National Science Foundation grant will provide support to select full-time students from U.S. institutions to attend the co-located 2018 ASME Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference (MSEC2018) and the NAMRI/SME 46th North American Manufacturing Research Conference (NAMRC46) at Texas A&M University, June 18 – June 22, 2018.

Please watch for announcements about the Application Form. **We anticipate posting the application in the middle of February 2018, with it being due at the beginning of March 2018.**

VERY IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Unless you are otherwise notified, **awards will directly cover the registration fee and the lodging accommodation.** In other words, this is not a process where you pay for registration and lodging and the travel award reimburses you. The costs will be managed directly, so that students never have to carry these charges. Posters on NSF-sponsored research are highly encouraged and should be submitted by the same deadline as all other posters (February 28, 2018).

Schedule of key dates: <http://www.asmeconferences.org/MSEC2018/PublicationSchedule.cfm/>

Before applying, please note that to qualify for the grant you must (no exceptions):

1. Be enrolled as a full-time student at a U.S. college or university,
2. Attend the entire conference (Monday to Friday), **and**
3. Attend the Early Career Forum held at the conference on Wednesday June 20, 2018.

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Answers to frequently asked questions:

1. We anticipate making 78 student travel awards.
2. The student travel award will pay for a student registration and lodging for the entire conference. A student awardee (or their advisor, school, research project) must pay for travel and incidental expenses.
3. In the selection process, preference will be given to students from groups that are historically under-represented in manufacturing.
4. In the selection process, preference will be given to students who have not previously received a Student Travel Award.
5. If you are planning to apply for a student travel award, then wait to register for the conference until you are informed of an acceptance decision. This notification will be made before the conference “Early Bird” registration deadline (April 20, 2018).
6. If you are planning to attend the conference, and apply for a student travel grant, you may be able to reserve a hotel room early to secure a spot (check the hotel booking policies). If you learn that you have been accepted for a Student Travel Award, you may be able to

cancel your hotel reservation without any cost (check the hotel booking policies). Most U.S. hotels do not charge you until your stay has begun, and most offer no-penalty cancellation up to 48 hours prior to the beginning of your stay (check the hotel booking policies).

7. You must be a full-time student at a U.S. university or college to be eligible for a Student Travel Award. I.e., you must be studying in the United States.
8. Undergraduate students are eligible to apply for the Student Travel Award.
9. Postdoctoral fellows are not eligible to apply for the Student Travel Award.
10. In the selection process, preference will be given to students who are presenting their original research at the conference: i.e., making an oral presentation or poster presentation.
11. A student's research advisor must endorse the application.
12. The application deadline (anticipated for the beginning of March 2018) will not be extended. No exceptions.
13. No late applications will be considered. No Exceptions.