ANNUAL TRAVEL AWARDS, 2017-2018
Agnes Hansen Award - Applications due October 27th, 2017
Mary Haga Award - Applications due February 9th, 2018
Agnes Hansen Award - Applications due May 25th, 2018

Twin Cities, MN Chapter of Graduate Women in Science has established awards in memory of Agnes Hansen and Mary Haga. These awards are given to defray some of the costs that female graduate students incur while traveling to national or other major scientific meetings where they are presenting the results of their research.

Any female graduate student in Minnesota engaged in scientific research is eligible to apply but, other factors being equal, preference will be given to active members of Twin Cities, MN Chapter. The applicant should have limited other support for attending scientific meetings. The funds may be used for **travel expenses and registration fees**, not for room and board. The usual award is in the range of $300 to $500. A *notice of abstract acceptance* must be provided before disbursement of the award. Your *meeting must take place* **after the award deadline nearest the date of your meeting, not before**. To apply for the award, please submit the following:

1. A **cover letter** stating the reasons (both scientific and financial) you want this award, and listing previous presentations at national or major meetings. If this will be your first meeting, please indicate this. Include an *itemized* estimate of your **registration** and **travel** expenses only for the meeting. (Room and board cannot be funded.) Please indicate whether you will be traveling by auto, train, bus, or plane, and any travel restrictions that apply. Include the meeting location and dates. If you are a member of Twin Cities, MN Chapter, GWIS, please note this. Also include the name and email address of the advisor sending your recommendation letter (see below).
2. A brief **resume** or **curriculum vitae** describing your educational and scientific training, honors, awards, membership in scientific, professional, or honor organizations, and scientific publications (if any). Include all degrees and dates they were awarded or are expected, and how many years you have been in your program.
3. A copy of the **abstract** of the work you have submitted for presentation, on an official meeting abstract form if possible. Include a copy of the **official letter of acceptance.** If you have not yet received it, explain. Your application will not be complete until this is received.
4. A **brief description** of the data being presented that can be understood by someone from another discipline, *no more than one page in length, double-spaced.* Area-specific jargon should be avoided or explained. Include: how the data were collected, type of data, and your specific contribution if it's a collaborative effort.
5. A **letter of recommendation from your advisor** confirming your intent to participate in the meeting, commenting on your technical ability and potential, and listing any other financial support that would be available from the department or research grants for travel to this meeting. Please have your advisor email this letter directly to twincitiesmnawards@gwis.org, preferably as a pdf document, by the application deadline.

Recipients of these awards will be expected to provide a personal thank you letter to the awarding family, and to submit a brief written report about their experience at the meeting. The report or summary may be published in the newsletter and on the website and will be made available to the membership of GWIS and to the donor(s) of the award funds. In addition, the awardee should expect to be asked to present their research at one of the monthly GWIS meetings. The awards will be made based on both scientific merit and financial need. **Submit items 1-4 listed above as one document, Word or pdf (preferred).** Please email questions and/or your **complete** application to:

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