



NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Award for the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) 2020 Annual Meeting in Marina del Rey, CA

ABOUT THE AWARD

The NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Awards will support the development of two junior investigators who are focused on women's health or sex and gender differences and are also interested in research policy by helping to defray the cost of attending the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences' (OSSD) annual meeting on May 4–7, 2020, in Marina del Rey, CA. ORWH requests that interested investigators submit an abstract on a policy-related matter connected to women's health or sex and gender differences for consideration as a poster, oral session, or symposium at the OSSD 2020 Annual Meeting. A panel of experts will review the abstracts, and the authors of the two chosen will receive the travel awards. Attendance at the OSSD meeting will be a unique opportunity for investigators to network with leading scientists and clinicians working to advance sex and gender inclusion and policy.

AWARD AMOUNT

Two ORWH awards of up to \$3,000 will be available to support the travel of the selected NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholars, whose OSSD abstracts on women's health or sex and gender differences policy will have been accepted for a poster, oral session, or symposium at the OSSD 2020 Annual Meeting.

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

- The application period ends February 3, 2020.
- The award recipients will be announced March 13, 2020. *The individuals will be notified via email.*

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligibility requirements for the NIH ORWH Science Policy Scholar Travel Award are:

- Must possess a baccalaureate or higher degree, be a medical student from any health-related discipline, be a postdoctoral trainee, be an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow, be a medical resident, be a member of the uniformed services or National Guard or be an investigator who is no more than 5 years past doctoral degree or residency.
- Must be the first author on the submitted OSSD abstract for presentation.
- Cannot be a Federal employee.

Investigators from underrepresented populations are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are encouraged to submit abstracts related to research policies relevant to women's health or sex and gender differences. Examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Studies of the effects of such policies in promoting the research;
- (2) Identification of policy gaps that might promote such research and projection of their effects; and
- (3) Identification of specific research disciplines and/or research topic areas where more work is needed to promote women's health and sex and gender differences.



Submit your abstract on the [OSSD Travel Award page](#). Please note, OSSD's application portal will open after December 9. Once you have submitted your application, send an email with the subject line "NIH ORWH and OSSD Science Policy Scholar Travel Award Application for 2020" to Dr. Samia Noursi at samia.noursi@nih.gov. **You must send in the application by Monday, February 3, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

Please include the required attachments:

- A copy of the abstract submitted to OSSD, including title and authors (in a Word document).
- Your curriculum vitae (in a Word document). List all NIH grant support, if applicable.
- Your mailing address, phone number, and email address.
- A cover letter (in a Word document) stating:
 - (1) your eligibility (see requirements in "Who Can Apply?" section above);
 - (2) your interest in pursuing policy research on women' health and/or sex and gender differences; and
 - (3) your career goals.
- A letter of support from your academic adviser, mentor, or fellowship director (in a Word document).

QUESTIONS

For questions about the award, please contact Dr. Samia Noursi, Associate Director for Science Policy, Planning, and Analysis at ORWH. You can reach Dr. Noursi via email at samia.noursi@nih.gov or via phone at 301-496-9472.

ABOUT ORWH

NIH is committed to improving the health outcomes of men and women through support of rigorous science that advances fundamental knowledge about the biology and behavior of living systems. In 1990, NIH established ORWH, which works in partnership with NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices and other agencies and offices within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to advance the health of women. In 1993, Congress passed the NIH Revitalization Act (Public Law 103–43), which mandates that women and individuals from underrepresented groups be included in NIH-funded clinical research. Since that time, NIH has developed and implemented policies related to the inclusion of women, minorities, and children in NIH-defined clinical research. These policies have been rolled out in phases since 2001, with parallel changes in review activities and requirements.

NIH continues to address the issue of sex and gender inclusion and reporting across biomedical research multidimensionally—through program oversight, review and policy, and collaboration with extramural researchers, health care providers, advocates, and the public. This includes developing policies that require researchers to consider sex as a biological variable (SABV) in the design, analysis, and reporting of all basic and preclinical studies. In January 2016, consideration of SABV became a requirement in NIH grant applications that include vertebrate animal and human studies, unless strong justification for studying one sex is given.

For more information about ORWH, visit <https://orwh.od.nih.gov>.

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