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Travel Scholarships

Summer Program Enrollment Process for Program Directors

System Opens: Monday May 17th, 2010

Summer Travel Scholarship Deadline: Friday July 9th, 2010

Summer Abstract Submission Deadline: Tuesday July 20th, 2010

Program Directors must enroll their summer research program in the SACNAS system so that their summer program students can access the summer travel scholarship application and/or research abstract link. Once the program is enrolled, SACNAS will issue a unique access code for your program. Students will need to use the access code to access the SACNAS online summer travel scholarship application and/or abstract system. **Note:** Program Directors do not need to be SACNAS members to enroll a summer program.

Type I: Summer Program Enrollment Checklist for Program Directors

If your summer program is not providing any sponsorship (i.e. membership dues and/or registration fees) and you are **only** enrolling the program into the SACNAS system, please see the instructions below.

- Step 1- Update or create a MySACNAS account:** Returning program directors please update your MySACNAS account information when you login. **New to SACNAS:** please create a [MySACNAS account](#).
- Step 2- Enroll your Summer Program:** On your MySACNAS account click on the 'Enroll Summer Program' link. The form requires you to submit basic information on your summer program. Upon successful submission, a confirmation page will appear. This page will contain your program's unique access code.
- Step 3- Submit Student Emails:** After enrolling your summer program, go back to your MySACNAS account and click on the 'Manage Your Summer Programs' link. Enter the email addresses of each of the summer program students you would like to have access to the summer travel scholarship application and/or abstract system. The student's email address that you submit should be the same as the one in their MySACNAS account.

Upon submission of each **unique** email address, the system will send an automated email to that student with your program's unique access code and inviting them to apply for a travel scholarship and/or submit an abstract.

Note: Students need to have SACNAS membership, through 10/3/10, and register for the conference for the travel scholarship and abstract link to become available on their MySACNAS account.

- Step 4- Manage Your Summer Program:** Up until July 9, 2010, you may return to the 'Manage Your Summer Programs' page at any time to review your students' status and you will be able to: add student emails, view which of your students have applied for summer travel scholarships, check the status of students' application materials, and/or send automated reminder emails to students who have not applied or who are missing materials.

Travel Scholarship Application Process

Once your students have current SACNAS membership, register for the conference, and their email addresses have been submitted, they are ready to submit their travel scholarship application. At the [Summer Travel Scholarship](#) webpage, students can download the [Type I-Undergraduate Summer Travel Scholarship \(PDF\)](#) which contains step

by step instructions on the application process.

A complete SACNAS Travel Scholarship application includes:

- **500-word minimum Statement of Purpose** (submitted with the application)
- **Transcript or Enrollment Verification** (unofficial copy is fine)
- **Letter of Recommendation** (from a faculty member or program director)

Award Details

A SACNAS Travel Scholarship award includes lodging and/or travel to the SACNAS National Conference. **Notification of application status will be sent via email by August.** All travel scholarship awardees will be required to submit an E-contract (within one week of award notification) in order to activate the award; failure to submit the contract will invalidate the travel scholarship award. **Travel and/or lodging arrangements will be made by SACNAS upon receipt of signed Travel Scholarship E-contract.** *NOTE: Failure to follow the cancellation policy may result in financial charges to the student for travel, lodging, and registration fees (up to \$1,500 in fees).*

Frequently Asked Questions by Program Directors

Who is eligible to apply for a summer travel scholarship?

The summer travel scholarship application is only for students enrolled in a summer research program. Program Directors need to enroll their program and submit students email addresses into the SACNAS system for students to receive the program's access code for the travel scholarship system.

When and where do students enter the program's access code?

Once students have SACNAS membership, through 10/3/10, and register for the conference, both the travel scholarship and abstract submission link will become available on students' MySACNAS account. After clicking on the appropriate link, students will be prompted to enter the summer program's access code.

What is the process of award notification?

All applicants will be notified of their travel scholarship status via email by August. Students can check their **MySACNAS** account for updates on their application status.

How does a student accept a travel scholarship award?

In the award notification email, students will be instructed to log into their MySACNAS account to submit their E-contract by the deadline (usually within a week of award notification).

The E-contract stipulates the conditions under which students agree to accept the award, such as: attending all conference sessions including meal functions, arriving at the conference site by Wednesday September 29, and agreeing to the SACNAS safe and intoxicant-free conference policy. After submission of the E-contract, student travel and lodging is arranged by SACNAS.

What if a student is not awarded, can student membership fees and registration dues be refunded?

Student membership fees are non-refundable. However, if a student is not awarded a travel scholarship or a student can no longer attend the conference, he/she will have the opportunity to cancel their registration without a cancellation penalty. **Deadline to cancel registration without a penalty: August 20, 2010**

Enroll your Summer Program at **MySACNAS**