



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTER OF MICROBIOME SCIENCE

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**Trainee Travel Award Application**

**Revised Deadline: Monday, March 18, 2024 by 5pm EST**

**Purpose**

To enable trainees in the Center of Microbiome Science to attend training opportunities or conferences and present their work. Awards are intended to enhance the trainee experience and advance the work of Center of Microbiome Science members.

**Details and requirements**

- Travel awards will be provided to partially defray the cost of travel (transportation, lodging, registration, etc.).
- Up to ten Travel Awards of \$500 are available.
- Only one application may be submitted per trainee.
- Award winners are not eligible to seek travel award funding from the Center of Microbiome Science for one calendar year.
- Applications should be in the form of a single pdf file sent to the CoMS inbox: [microbiome@osu.edu](mailto:microbiome@osu.edu) with the subject line "CoMS Trainee Travel Award."
- Applications must include:
  - Applicant Information
    - Name of applicant
    - Email address of applicant
    - Applicant's College and Department
    - Mentor/PI's full name and email
  - Title of meeting/training experience
  - Dates, location, and brief description of the meeting/training experience.
  - What is the relevance of this meeting/training experience to your academic or professional development? (300 words max.)
  - Description of connection between the meeting / training experience and microbiome science (100 words max)
  - If presenting at a meeting, the meeting abstract should also be included in the application.
- Award funds will be transferred to the trainee's home unit to assist in covering travel costs
- An award letter will be sent to the recipient for signature prior to funds being transferred
  - All university and college/department/unit travel policies and procedures apply
- Work with your college/department/unit fiscal/travel professional to plan travel
- Awardees should acknowledge receipt of this travel award in their poster, presentation, or summary of the experience as follows: *"Travel to this conference was partially supported by funds provided by The Ohio State University Center of Microbiome Science."*
- Applications will be reviewed and winners will be announced at the OSU Microbial Communities Symposium on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## Eligibility

- Registered graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in a degree program at The Ohio State University or postdoctoral researchers at The Ohio State University or Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Research Scientists ARE eligible to apply but preference will be given to undergraduate, graduate students, and postdocs. If there is remaining funding available after reviewing trainee applications, research scientist applications will be considered.
- Member of the Center of Microbiome Science (CoMS) (Join [here](#)).
- Attending a conference, workshop, or training activity related to your academic or professional development.
- Travel award must be used for future business travel (after March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024).
- Travel award recipients are encouraged to present their research and/or a brief summary of their experience at a relevant OSU forum within 1 year of travel. Forums include:
  - Midwest Microbiome Symposium at OSU in May 2025
  - Local or departmental seminar
  - Infectious Diseases Institute Works in Progress Seminar – contact Dr. Murugesan Rajaram ([murugesan.rajaram@osumc.edu](mailto:murugesan.rajaram@osumc.edu))

### **FYI: Upcoming relevant conferences include (but are not restricted to):**

- Midwest Microbiome Symposium
  - At Purdue May 13-15, 2024. See [here](#) for more info.
  - At OSU in May 2025
- Penn State University One Health Microbiome Symposium. May 30-31, 2024. See [here](#) for more info.
- Pittsburgh Rust Belt Microbiome Symposium. November 7-8, 2024. See [here](#) for more info.