

Master of Public Health (MPH) Student Travel Award

The MPH Student Travel Award supports student travel in attending professional conferences, participating in a public health practicum or other public health-related academic event. The MPH Program grants this award to current MPH students who are in good academic standing. Dual-degree students must be in their step-out year to be eligible to apply for funding. Applications must be submitted to the MPH Program by the deadlines noted below and the experience must take place during the selected travel period. In addition, students need to apply for the MPH Student Travel Award before the experience happens. Multiple awards may be granted for each funding cycle. MPH students are only eligible for funding one time. However, students may reapply multiple times during their tenure.

Budget requests should not exceed \$1,500 and the MPH Travel Award Committee may approve a full budget request or only a portion of the requested budget. Allowable expenditures include but are not limited to the following: airfare, rail fees, mileage, housing, program/training registration and meals during the experience. Reimbursement will occur after the experience and once the student provides the required documentation for reimbursement. (The University requires original receipts.)

Application Deadlines: The MPH Program accepts applications three times per year.

Funding Cycle	Application Deadline	Funding Announcements	Travel Timeframe*
I	November 15th	December 1st	January 1st – April 30th
II	March 15th	April 1st	May 1st – August 31st
III	July 15th	August 1st	September 1st – December 31st

* The departure date for the travel experience must be within the timeframe of the funding cycle you select.

Application Procedure:

MPH students must submit the following to Kara Longo (klongo@som.umaryland.edu)

- MPH Student Travel Award Application Form.
- MPH Student Travel Award Budget Form.
- Current CV/resume.
- One-page description indicating why this experience is important for your academic/professional career. Include the following elements: (1) aims and objectives of the experience; and (2) describe how the experience will augment your public health training. **Submit this description as a WORD Document.**
- Submit letter of acceptance, formal invitation, or printed program as evidence of acceptance.
- One letter of recommendation: The evaluator should be able to discuss how this award will support your academic and/or professional public health career. The evaluator must send the recommendation directly to Kara Longo (klongo@som.umaryland.edu).