

**MacKenzie Scott Graduate Student Supplemental Travel Award**  
**UC Merced Academic Senate**

Dear Graduate Group Chairs,

The Graduate Council in collaboration with the Graduate Division, is pleased to announce the availability of the MacKenzie Graduate Student Supplemental Travel Award to support the research and scholarly endeavors of our graduate students. Each award, with a total amount of \$500, is intended to help cover travel expenses related to the generation or dissemination of research & scholarly activity by eligible graduate students, such as to present at professional meetings, conduct field work, do archival research, conduct research at user facilities, display art in an exhibition, perform in a concert, etc.

To be eligible for the award, students must be in good standing and their research or scholarly activity must be attributed to UC Merced or be part of their progress towards obtaining a graduate degree from UC Merced. The funds must be used for travel-related expenses, such as airfare, lodging, conference registration fees, facility user fees, meals and incidental expenses (M&IE), etc.

Graduate groups are required to provide matching funds for this award, which can come from both competitive and non-competitive research-related awards for scholarly activities. The total amount of available funds in this program is \$48,000. The funds from the MacKenzie Graduate Student Supplemental Travel Award program must be used between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Every four months funds for up to 16 new awards will become available for travel during that and the next four-month period, starting with June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (June-September, October-January & February-May). Funds will be made available on a first come first serve basis.

Please note that there is a limit of one award per student. We encourage you to allocate these funds to eligible graduate students, considering merit and need to help advance their research and careers equitably.

To request the funds for a graduate student, please provide the following information:

- Student Name,
- Certification that student is in good standing,
- Travel Purpose,
- Travel dates and location,
- Abstract or brief synopsis of the research or scholarly activity (300 words maximum),
- Amount of matching funds provided (minimum \$500).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

Graduate Council & Graduate Division