

Dr. Alicja and Dr. Gosia Zobel

Graduate Student Conference Fund

Value: up to \$1,000
Deadline of Application: March 31, 2022
Return application to: graduatefinance@trentu.ca
Subject line: Name of Applicant, Zobel Grad Student Conference Application
For further information contact: Jane Rennie, Graduate Finance Officer
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Overview

The donor's vision in establishing these funds is to support undergraduate and graduate students to expose their thinking and research to a broad audience, to develop their critical thinking skills by inviting questions and challenges, to help them network with their peers to expand their thinking, to advance their research skills and credibility, and to raise the profile of Trent University.

Dr. Alicja Zobel and Dr. Gosia Zobel wish to support students to attend conferences to advance their studies in science, philosophy, or women's studies and related fields. They are especially interested in the intersection of science, politics and critical thinking. They see science as important for activism and policy work: e.g. water quality, conservation, improved animal welfare standards on farm.

It is important to the donor that awardees speak at the conference (either through an **oral presentation or a poster presentation**), as well as engage with peers to challenge the way they think. Recipients are also encouraged, with the support of this fund, to engage with the local university or research centres associated with the conference. ***The funding will cover costs to attend and present at a conference and meet with peers or a virtual conference.***

Eligibility

- a. These funds are intended for Canadian and International graduate students to attend international or domestic conferences that will advance their studies in science, philosophy, or women's studies and related fields, in particular, the intersection of science, politics and critical thinking.
- b. Students must present their work either through an oral presentation or a poster presentation. It is permissible for students to co-present with faculty.
- c. Students must be willing to engage with peers, and the university/research centres close to the conference.
- d. Successful applicant must be agreeable to promote Trent University while attending conference and acknowledge support from donors.

Application includes:

1. A budget detailing all expenses associated with conference. Only conference registration fees, workshop fees, travel and accommodation fees, transfers, parking, food (no alcohol), specialized clothing or equipment, and conference-specific print costs are eligible.
2. Two-page outline which must:
 - a) Include a justification on how the student's research matches the objectives of the prize.
 - b) Outline details of the conference such as location, dates and expected audience that will be participating and attending conference (i.e. faculty, undergraduate or graduate students, industrial organizations, non-profit, advocacy groups).
 - c) Overview of applicant's presentation.
 - d) Brief plan describing networking opportunities while attending conference.
 - e) Description of plan to promote Trent University.

NOTE: Students must put the following wording on their first slide presentation, "Supported by the Trent University Dr. Alicja and Dr. Gosia Zobel Student Conference Fund" or other means to acknowledge support.

3. A short letter of support from a faculty member confirming conference aligns with student's research and the benefits of attendance to academic development.

The successful applicant will be required to submit a signed travel waiver to the School of Graduate Studies prior to travel.

Adjudication Process

- Applications close March 31, 2022. A committee coordinated by Jane Rennie, Graduate Finance Officer, will review all applications and results will be released mid-May 2022.
- All awards will be credited directly to the student account prior to the conference. However, students must submit the original airplane boarding pass, conference fee receipt, and all other receipts after the conference or the prize amount will be reversed from the student account.
- Students are expected to submit a short (1-page) summary describing the conference they attended, the title of the talk or poster they presented, and the benefits (skills, networks, etc.) they received from the conference attendance, along with a photo of themselves beside the conference poster within one month of their return. This should be sent to advancement@trentu.ca so that it can be passed on to the donors.

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Full Name:

Student #:

Program:

Year of Study:

Email Address:

Name of Conference/Workshop:

Dates of Attendance:

City/Country:

Budget: ***This submitted budget must be substantiated with original receipts after the conference. Your original air boarding pass is required.***

Please provide details as follows:

1. Travel: number of kilometers at number per kilometers, include Air, Bus, Train, Parking or Taxi.
2. Accommodation.
3. Meals in dollars per day, does not need submission of a receipt.
4. Conference, Workshop Fees, or Registration.
5. Print materials.
6. Other (please specify).
7. Total Expenses.

I hereby declare that all information included is accurate.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: