



New Investigator Travel Awards to Support Attendance at the Aquaculture America Conference, February 23-26, 2023

Applications due Friday, September 30, 2022

The Western Regional Aquaculture Center (WRAC) has been awarded funds from USDA-NIFA to support attendance of early career investigators at the 2023 Aquaculture America conference that will be held February 23-26, 2023 in New Orleans. The twelve-state western region served by WRAC includes AK, AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY.

New Investigator Conference Travel Awards will reimburse awardees for conference registration, domestic travel from the location of your home institution to the conference (ground transportation and flights), and accommodation and daily meal per diem according to the University of Washington's travel policies, estimated costs using per diem rates from [gsa.gov](https://www.gsa.gov):

- \$158/night hotel in New Orleans, LA, with up to 150% exception for conference hotel at \$237
- Maximum of \$74/day for meals and extraneous expenses, \$55.50 on travel days.
- Conference registration by January 25, 2023 \$495-590 (member vs non-member rates)
- Airfare, economy class (use travel agent provided by WRAC) [est. \$500-850]
- Ground transportation estimates

For more information about the conference hotel and abstract submission, go to:

<https://www.was.org/meeting/code/AA2023>

Eligibility: Applications are invited from new investigators (defined by USDA-NIFA as less than 5 years from start of career track). Membership on a WRAC committee is not a requirement. Deadline for initial consideration is **September 30, 2022**. Applicants are expected to be actively involved in the 2023 Aquaculture America conference in some fashion (e.g. show *submission* to AA23 for platform or poster presentations, or organizing/leading conference sessions or workshops). WRAC's Board of Directors will evaluate applications. *Note: Aquaculture America 2023 call for papers deadline is September 27, 2022.*

Applications should include (12-point font):

1. **Name, position, and contact details** (address, phone, email)
2. **Justification of the request** (250 words maximum) Explain how your attendance will benefit the western region's commercial aquaculture industry. Although you may not have confirmation yet, how do you plan to be involved in the conference (e.g., poster, presentation or workshop title)?
3. **Budget** (approximate): costs of ground transportation, flights, conference registration, accommodation plus number of days per diem. Applicants are expected to use the cheapest air fares available and where possible, use the WRAC provided travel agency
4. **Budget justification** (breakdown, why are other funds not available?)
5. **Short Bio and CV** (maximum of two single-spaced pages)

Submit applications to WRAC's Program Manager, Julie Hahn (jkhahn@uw.edu), by *Friday, September 30, 2022*. Inquiries can be directed to Julie Hahn, or WRAC's Executive Director (grahamy@uw.edu).