

Undergraduate Travel Assistance Award (UTAA) 2023

This award is designed to help introduce undergraduate students to AFS meetings and increase participation at the Society level. The UTAA helps undergraduates offset the cost of travel to the AFS Annual Meeting held in Michigan this year! **Four** undergraduates will be selected to receive \$500.00 USD. As this award is funded and supported by the Education Section, awards will be given during the Section's business meeting. Selection of awardees will be based on involvement in student and professional organizations and rationale for attending the meeting. The UTAA provides a great opportunity for undergraduate students to network with peers and professionals within AFS and surround themselves in fisheries science and research that is being conducted by society members. Recipients will be expected to attend all student related events including, but not limited to, the student networking event, awards luncheon, Education Section business meeting, and SECP Subsection business meeting. Travel funding will be withheld if these requirements are not met.

Specific instructions:

1. Please limit responses to the questions to 150 words, 12-point font.
2. Undergraduates will be evaluated based on two criteria: 1) involvement in student or professional organizations, and 2) reasons for attending the annual meeting.
3. A mentor* must endorse your application with a signature.
4. Application forms must be received no later than **May 1st, 2023** at midnight PST.
5. Please complete form and email the attached file to afsstudent@gmail.com with the subject line "UTAA 2023" followed by your name.
6. You will receive confirmation when your application is received. If you do not receive confirmation within 48 hours, please email tiheckman@ucdavis.edu to ensure your application is processed.

*Mentor can be a faculty advisor, agency employee, graduate student, etc.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Current University/College: _____

Current Degree Program: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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Mentor Endorsement:

Name of Mentor: _____

Mentor Email Address: _____

Mentor Phone Number: _____

Mentor Signature: _____

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1. Describe your past and current involvement in student and professional organizations.

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2. Describe the reasons you want to attend the AFS Annual Meeting and how you envision receiving this award will affect your future participation in AFS and AFS-related functions.

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3. Describe your future career plans and how receiving this award will help you achieve your professional aspirations.