

Application for Travel Award to the Beta Beta Beta Biological Honor Society National Convention

The Faculty of the Biological Science Department and the TriBeta FSU Sigma Tau Chapter would like to sponsor 6-8 undergraduate researchers to present their data in poster or oral presentation format at the TriBeta National Convention that will be held in Columbus Georgia this Summer. Undergraduate researchers can be students taking formal DIS, volunteer students, or students working towards an honor thesis. You may join our local TriBeta chapter in order to be approved for travel with the society. You did not have to previously participate in our local poster competition to submit a travel application for the National Convention. The winners from 2022 and 2023 will automatically be approved to travel and compete in Columbus, Georgia (all expenses paid).

In previous years, our students have won national awards in Molecular Biology, Ecology, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Neuroscience, and Nanotechnology. Please encourage your students to apply to this wonderful opportunity to enhance their education as undergraduates.

Additionally, we feel that this type of forum would benefit the department two dimensionally. First, it would give our undergraduate researchers exposure to the national community of science and allow them to have a goal outside their home laboratory. Secondly, it would be an excellent opportunity for F.S.U. to demonstrate its research excellence to other undergraduate institutions that are seeking placement of their students into graduate school.

Where: The national convention meeting will be in Columbus GA

When: May 29 - June 2

Hosted by: Columbus State University/Mu Omicron Chapter

Abstracts due to Society: 26 March 2024

In house applications due for travel award: 1 March 2024 to D. Fadool (KIN 3008) - see next page.

Details we know so far:

The details of the meeting have not yet been fully posted to the National Site, but when they become available, they will be here -

<https://www.tribeta.org/national-convention>

Typically students can participate a number of biology-related field trips and science workshops. Drs. Liz Brown and Evan Lloyd will travel with the students to the meeting. They and Dr. Fadool will coach the students with their prepared poster or oral presentation prior to departure to the meeting. Dr. Brown will bring advertisements from the various subdisciplines of the department for our graduate programs and speak with potential prospects. If you know Bridger Menlove that joined our department last year, he discovered FSU through the last National Convention in Oklahoma, 2022. Faculty mentors must be available for one evening meeting (brief) to help prepare paperwork for the registration packet with their mentees and Drs. Fadool and Brown.

Estimated Expenses for those not being awarded a travel award:

\$350 registration (covers lodging and food)

\$75 ground transport

Total Required = \$425/student

DEADLINE: MARCH 1st

by 5 pm in the Tribeta Drop box outside D. Fadool Office, 3008 KIN (or slide under my door!)

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Name of Applicant:

Major:

Year (Fr, So, Jr, Sr):

Career Goal:

Member of Tri Beta? Y / N (please circle)

GPA:

Name of Faculty Mentor:

Length of Laboratory Experience:

If student was not awarded travel support from the department, does the advisor have funding that could be used to support the student? Y / N (please circle)

If yes, sponsor could support ALL / HALF/ or meeting registration (please circle)

PLEASE NOTE:

We will make every effort to get as many of our students to the meeting that have a desire and good science to go!

As part of the application, please attach the following documents:

1. Letter of recommendation by the faculty mentor
2. Unofficial copy of the student's transcript
3. Paragraph written by the student describing his/her achievements in the laboratory
4. Draft of Abstract for the study (1500 characters including spaces, title, source of support, etc.)