



2017 Donald H. Wulff Diversity Travel Fellowships Program

Dear POD Network Colleagues,

The **Donald H. Wulff Diversity Travel Fellowships Program** seeks to increase participation by people from historically underrepresented racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. and individuals from underrepresented institutions in the field of educational development (here used as an umbrella term to encompass what may also be called faculty development, TA development, instructional development, organizational development, etc.). Named to honor the memory of an early supporter of the Diversity Committee, Donald H. Wulff, the travel grant program awards up to \$1,300 to individuals (and up to \$2,600 for teams of two or more) to support their travel to the annual POD Conference. **The 2017 POD Network Conference is in Montreal, Canada, on October 25-29, 2017.**

Eligibility Criteria:

The POD Network Diversity Committee welcomes applications from all individuals, irrespective of the individuals' nationality and/or citizenship. However, because of the particular demographic profile of POD Network as an organization, the applicant must meet the criteria for eligibility (listed below) with priority preference given to:

- persons from historically underrepresented racial and/or ethnic groups (as defined within the US context).
- individuals from traditionally underrepresented institutions including, but not limited to, the following: 1) Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 2) Native American Tribal Colleges, 3) Hispanic Serving Institutions or Hispanic Area Colleges and Institutions, and 4) Minority Serving Institutions (or those aspiring to become MSIs).
- applicants who would join the POD Network and contribute to its mission over the long term with particular interests related to social justice and equity, inclusion, and/or diversity (writ large) in educational development.

Note: Former grant recipients who have not received more than one award in the past may also apply for a second grant, with priority consideration being given to second-time applicants who have remained active members of the POD Network's Diversity Committee.

To Apply for the 2017 Donald H. Wulff Diversity Travel Fellowships:

The deadline for applications is **June 4, 2017 by 5 p.m. EDT**. Due to time constraints, no late applications will be reviewed. Awardees will be contacted in early July 2017.

Applications for the grant should be sent via **email** attachment to Kimberly Carothers, Coordinator–POD Diversity Committee Grants Program, or Cristina Cottom, Assistant Coordinator--POD Diversity Committee Grants at diversity@podnetwork.org

Application Criteria:

- Are you eligible for the travel fellowship: whether you are applying as an underrepresented individual or as someone from an underrepresented institution?
- Have you received a POD Network DC Travel Grant in the past? If so, what year?
- What is your interest and/or experience in educational development and experience with diversity initiatives on your campus?
- How will you benefit from attending the POD conference and how do you hope to share these benefits with others at your institution?
- How might the POD Network benefit from your membership and attendance and how do you hope to contribute to the organization in the future?
- What is your financial need? What type of institutional support you may already have to attend this conference?

*Please submit this information in Times New Roman, 12-point, double-spaced formatting, structured as a letter (See provided template).

New Application Guideline: Anonymous Review Process

In the spirit of objectivity and fairness, we ask that you anonymize your application; that is, make sure that neither your name nor that of your institution appear in your application. You will, of course, indicate your name in the email message when submitting the application, but the pdf file of your application materials should be anonymized.

Timeline for Proposal Submission and Funding:

- deadline for submission: **June 4th by 5 p.m. EDT.**
- notification of funding: July 2017
- attend POD Conference this year: October 25-29, 2017

Responses to Applicant FAQs:

- One must become a member of POD to attend the conference and register for the conference. However, membership dues are covered by the grant (see below).
- While the grant does not cover the full cost of attending the conference, it does help defray a significant portion of the costs.
- Costs that are deducted from the travel grant prior to the conference include the following: membership dues, the conference registration fee (which includes some meals), and optional workshop fees. After these costs are deducted, the remainder of the \$1,300 grant is awarded as a check, made out to the recipient's institution. This check is given to the grant recipient at the conference and can be used to help defray costs for travel, lodging, and non-conference meals.
- We recognize that all individuals have multiple and intersecting identities. Women of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people of color, people of color with disabilities, foreign-born individuals and/or non-U.S citizens that are racial and/or ethnic minorities, and/or individuals from other types of groups that are historically marginalized within a US context are encouraged to apply.

For more information:

For more information, contact Kimberly Carothers, Coordinator–POD Diversity Committee Grants Program, or Cristina Cottom, Assistant Coordinator--POD Diversity Committee Grants at diversity@podnetwork.org

Visit the POD Network website (podnetwork.org) for additional information about POD Network grants, the organizational mission, and conference schedules.

Additional information on the application process, elements, timeline, review criteria, and FAQs can be found on the Diversity Committee site through the WikiPODia site for the POD Network:

<https://sites.google.com/a/podnetwork.org/wikipodia/pod-committee/diversity-committee>

With sincere regards,
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