Travel Grants

The goal of the Student Opportunities for Academic Research (SOAR) program is to facilitate student research in collaboration with a faculty mentor. SOAR sponsors a Travel Grant to defray costs associated with student attendance at a scholarly meeting where the student will present his or her research. The SOAR Committee invites students and faculty to submit proposals for the Travel Grant.

Eligibility

At the time of the travel, a student must have full-time status at the college, be of at least sophomore standing, have completed at least one full-time semester at Moravian College, and have a QPA of at least 3.0.

At the time of the travel, the sponsoring faculty member must be a current full-time faculty with at least one year of teaching experience at the college, an Emeritus faculty member of the college, or a current adjunct faculty member who has taught at the college for at least two full years.

Calendar, Expectations, and Application Procedures

1. Grant applications are due four weeks before the meeting.
2. Applicants will receive notification of the status of their grant within two weeks of submission.
3. During one academic year no student may receive more than $400 from SOAR travel grants.
4. Eligible travel costs are registration fees and travel, hotel, and food expenses for the student.
5. Faculty expenses cannot be paid using a SOAR travel grant.
6. The student must present on his or her own academic research.
7. The work can be from an independent study, an honors project, or a SOAR research grant.
8. The student and/or faculty prepare the proposal (described below).

Proposal Format

1. The proposal should be two single-spaced pages or less.
2. The heading of the proposal should include:
   - The name, major, QPA, and expected date of graduation of the student presenter.
   - The name, rank, and department of the sponsoring faculty member.
• The title of the paper, poster, or performance.
• The name of the meeting and organizing body.
• The date and location of the meeting.

3. Explain the origin of the student’s work and the role of the faculty member in the work.

4. Describe significance of the meeting.

5. Provide an itemized list of anticipated expenses.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated using two criteria:

1. The level of participation for the student. A successful proposal describes how the student will actively participate in the meeting.

2. Clarity of the proposal. A successful proposal contains writing that clearly articulates the project and its merits to an inter-disciplinary faculty audience.