



Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics
& Native Americans in Science



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The [Geological Society of America](#) (GSA), in collaboration with the [Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science](#) (SACNAS), the [American Geosciences Institute](#) (AGI), the [Incorporated Research Institute for Seismology](#) (IRIS), the [Society for Sedimentary Geology](#) (SEPM), and the STEPPE Coordinating office, with support from the National Science Foundation are pleased to offer funding for undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups to travel to two consecutive professional meetings. The SACNAS National Conference takes place 29-31 October in National Harbor, MD and the GSA Annual Meeting is 1-4 November in Baltimore, MD.

Eligibility

This opportunity is open to undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups studying geoscience, and to students with an interest in the geosciences including those who may be studying biology, environmental science, math, physics, chemistry and/or other physical sciences. This opportunity is limited to students who have never attended a GSA Annual Meeting before.

Application

To apply please visit the SACNAS [website](#) to begin your application and to submit the following application materials:

1. Statement of Purpose. Describe your research interests and career objectives, how the SACNAS and GSA meetings are a good fit for your interests and/or education goals, and what you hope to gain from attending both conferences. Please describe how you became interested in the geoscience topics and which geoscience topics interest you the most.
2. Unofficial Transcript. Include a copy of your unofficial transcript.
3. Letter of Recommendation. Please have a faculty mentor submit one letter of recommendation.

Deadline

The deadline to apply is Friday, July 31, 2015. Students will be notified of their award before August 15, 2015.

Post-Meeting Reporting

Awardees will receive up to \$1,586 to be used towards their travel expenses. In exchange, awardees will be required to complete a pre and post meeting assessment, a report that outlines their experiences and benefits of attending both meetings, and contribute to a group article that will be featured in *GSA Today*, *GSA's Connection*, and AGI's quarterly newsletter *GeoSpectrum*.

Contact

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