Conference & Special Funding Requests

OVERVIEW

Students enrolled in the Multidisciplinary Design Program have occasional need for additional funding to support presentations at conferences or symposiums, and other special circumstances. Funding awards are made to individual students.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

Each year, MDP attempts to provide funding to as many students as possible. The total amount of funding available varies year-to-year, based on unspent equipment budgets from the previous cohort.

In consultation with the Faculty Mentor (and if applicable, the Industry Mentor) and based on current availability of funds, MDP will provide special financial support to students...

1) Who are attending a conference to present a poster or paper that showcases their MDP work
2) Who need to take a special trip, or have other extenuating or special need for funds to support work on an MDP project

HOW IS THE FUNDING DISTRIBUTED

1) Flights/train tickets/hotel reservations/conference registration fees are taken care of directly by the MDP Staff for the participating students. Students typically must cover their own meals.
2) Special purchases are made by MDP Staff and students are notified when it arrives

These special funding request decisions are made by MDP Staff, and all decisions are final.

HOW TO REQUEST FUNDING

Please review the nature of your funding request with your Faculty mentor in advance. Submit a detailed request for funding, including specific, line-itemed budget items (in the form of a table is best), and a brief description of how the additional funds will support you and/or your team to JoyAdams@umich.edu and Ghoerner@umich.edu. Please CC: your faculty mentor.

Conference requests should include a copy of your paper/poster acceptance information.
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Graduate students must include proof of their application for Rackham travel grants (http://www.rackham.umich.edu/funding/conference-travel-grant) with their MDP request.