

## **The Kayoko Ishizuka Award for Presentation at International Conferences**

**Purpose:** This award was created in memory of Kayoko “Kay” Ishizuka, a 2010 graduate from the Biochemistry department at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Kay, a citizen of Japan, was the GSA Biochemistry department representative for several years while she earned her Ph.D. She then began her postdoctoral research at the University of South Florida. Unfortunately, Kay was the victim of a fatal hit and run accident one night after leaving the lab. In recognition of her participation on the GSA, this award will be available to all current graduate students who have earned the opportunity to travel to and present at an international conference. An international conference is defined as a conference held and located outside the continental United States.

**Application Timeline:** July 1st until June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year

**Application Deadline:** June 30 of the cycle

**Award Amount:** \$1,000 will be allocated from the GSA budget and divided evenly among qualified applicants.

### **Award Stipulations:**

1. There is no limit to the number of applications that will be accepted for review.
2. Any graduate student who has traveled to an international conference between July 1 and June 30 of the award year is eligible for this award.
3. The student is encouraged to apply for the general travel award as well because earning a general travel award does not exclude you from consideration of the Kay award
4. In the event the money for this award is not used, then the \$1,000 will be distributed equally to all departments that receive money from the GSCEF.
5. The Awards Committee representative is responsible for compiling photos and cards from the award winners to send to Kay’s family. This should be done before September 1<sup>st</sup> of the same calendar year that the awards are announced.

### **Application Criteria:**

1. All completed applications are due to the graduate school by the June 30 deadline. All applications received after June 30 will be considered for the following year’s award.
2. The Awards Committee is charged with determining the recipients of the award.
3. Students applying for this award must be in good standing with Graduate School.
4. Participation in either the Phone-A-Thon or the Write-A-Thon is required for consideration of this award.
5. The student applying for this award must be the first author on the abstract and poster.
6. The student must provide evidence that the abstract was accepted for either a poster or oral presentation at an international meeting.

### **Written Essay Requirements:**

All applicants must include a short essay (1000 words or less) describing the following for the Awards Committee to review:

1. Where was the conference located?
2. What type of audience were you presenting to?
3. What did you present and what is the scientific impact of your research?
4. Were you able to network with any investigators, students and/or companies?
5. Did you receive any awards?
6. What impact has this conference made on your career development?
7. A picture or (other evidence of having attended the conference) to share with Kay’s family should be provided so that they can see how Kay’s memory lives on.



**Medical College of Wisconsin**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES**

**Application for**

*The Kayoko Ishizuka Award for Presentation at International Conferences*

Today's Date:

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Name of Student Applicant:

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Last

First

Middle

Degree Granting Department:

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Degree Being Pursued: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Faculty Sponsor and Department of Primary Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

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Length of time spent by student on this research project: \_\_\_\_\_

International Meeting Title:

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Location of Meeting:

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Date of Meeting:

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Abstract Title:

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List of Authors (in order):

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Please check the type of presentation:  poster  oral  other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Signatures:**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please email the required written essay, acceptance of presentation, approved abstract, and this form to the Graduate School (gradschool@mcw.edu).*