

POLICY: Guy Berst Memorial Training Award for Advancing Scientific Training

Purpose: Guy Berst worked at MCW for 15 years as Associate Director of Recruitment and Marketing. Guy was a strong advocate for all students and thoroughly enjoyed watching students' careers flourish into lifelong scientific careers. Guy loved listening to students' research projects and how their training was progressing. In memory of Guy's support and advocacy, the GSA sponsors a training award to support students' travels to further their scientific training. Eligible training experiences include scientific workshops and/or travel to another lab to learn/improve a technique.

Who Should Apply: Any currently enrolled full-time MCW graduate student who will be attending a workshop or technical training experience. These opportunities, henceforth called "Off-Site Training", must be conducted outside of MCW and include attending an accredited workshop/class (in-person or online) or traveling to another laboratory to further one's graduate technical training.

Application Deadline: One semester before the workshop/training date(s) – apply by June 30th at 11:59pm CST for training in the Fall semester (July 1 – December 31), and by December 31st at 11:59pm CST for training in the Spring semester (January 1 – June 30).

Award Amount: One \$500 award will be allocated from the GSA budget each semester. Donations may allow for more awards.

Award Stipulations:

1. There is no limit to the number of applications that will be accepted for review.
2. Any full-time MCW graduate student traveling for Off-Site Training is eligible for this award.
3. Conference attendance does not meet this stipulation unless there is an Off-Site Training integral to the experience. For these events, preference will be given to students presenting at the conference.
4. Recipients of the Guy Berst Award cannot concurrently receive the Ravi Misra Award, but they may still apply for both.
5. Students may only receive the Guy Berst Award once in their academic career.
6. Awards will be fully disbursed to students, regardless of whether they spend the full amount.
7. Any awards not given out will roll over to the next semester, with a maximum of one award held in reserve.

Application Criteria:

1. The student must be in good standing with the MCW School of Graduate Studies.
2. The student must be enrolled full-time at MCW for the majority of the semester for which they are planning to travel.
3. The student must provide evidence of acceptance to an Off-Site Training. If this is not available by the deadline, a signed letter of intent with signatures from the student's PI and department chair will be accepted in its place.
4. The student completes and submits the application.
5. All completed applications must be submitted to the Graduate School (gradschool@mcw.edu) by the June 30th (Fall training) or December 31st (Spring training) deadlines listed above.