

## **Policy on Student Support for Conference Travel**

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*The following policy guidance is issued by the Department of Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M University, addressing Departmental support for students planning to attend professional society meetings:*

- The Department will make a limited amount of funds available to students to support their attendance at professional conferences. The Department will consider providing airfare (not hotel or meals) for this purpose. The total amount will be at the discretion of the Department Head and will depend on the financial status of the Department.
- ***Students will apply*** for these funds through the student branches of the professional associations: American Nuclear Society, Health Physics Society, and Institute for Nuclear Materials Management.
- ***Preference*** will be given to students who meet most or all of the following conditions:
  - *has a paper accepted for presentation at the conference;*
  - *has GPR of 3.5 or greater (grad) or 3.0 or greater (undergrad);*
  - *is an active member of the TAMU student branch of a professional society;*
  - *is a graduate student in their first year (supported by the Department), a senior, or a junior;*
  - *has applied for student work during the conference, if possible, to reduce the cost of registration and help defray other expenses.*
- A ***graduate student supported by a research project*** is not usually eligible for departmental support for travel to conferences. Travel expenses for such a student will normally be covered by research funds or other funds under the control of the student's advisor and the project's Principal Investigator (PI), at the discretion of the advisor and PI.