Early Conference Travel

BioCoRE provides each BioCoRE Graduate Scholar with up to $1,500 of financial support to attend a national science conference or scientific workshop relevant to their research within their first two years of graduate study. Generally, Duke graduate students attend a scientific conference in later years when their research is well developed, supported by Graduate School and lab PI funds, but these experiences generally require that the student has a well-developed research project to present. The BioCoRE Program supports sending our graduate scholars to conferences prior to the development of an extensive research agenda, which has progressed to the point of public presentation. Instead, the emphasis of attending a national science conference is to provide an opportunity to facilitate each graduate scholars’ early integration into the scientific culture in their fields. As an alternative to attending a national science conference, BioCoRE Graduate Scholars may join a relevant workshop or course at venues such as Woods Hole or Cold Spring Harbor, with the added value of learning powerful research approaches.

Expenses Covered

Conference registration
Membership fees
Lodging (e.g., hotel room)
Travel (e.g., flight, train, mileage reimbursement)
Ground transportation to/from the airport/train station
Conference related meals

Important Notes

Each BioCoRE Graduate Scholar is eligible to receive sponsorship for one national science conference or workshop.

The BioCoRE Program Director must approve national science conferences or workshops.

BioCoRE Graduate Scholars must use early conference travel funds prior to the Fall semester of their third year.

Conference registration, lodging arrangements, and travel preparations should be made during the early registration period for the selected national science conference or workshop.