



Graduate Student Travel Support Application

Applicant: A. Grad Student

Position/Title: Graduate Assistant

Confirm that you be registered in the semester of travel: Registered Fall 2023: Yes

Destination(s): Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dates of Travel: 11/8/2023-11/12/2023

Name of Conference, Meeting, Showcase, etc: Museum Computer Network

Brief Project Description:

The 2023 Museum Computer Network conference is an exciting opportunity to build upon what I have learned in class and through my practical experience. I am extremely interested in the continually evolving relationship between museums and technology. Now more than ever, museums are centering the visitor and their experience, and using technology to do so. At MCN, I will be able to attend presentations about UX, how artificial intelligence is impacting the museum field, and how technology can be used to bolster positive changes in museums like inclusivity and accessibility.

My work experience has primarily been centered around museum education and programming, and I hope to continue working in this field after graduating. While working with students during the COVID-19 pandemic I was able to experiment with many strategies to share museums with students virtually. I will attend conference sessions that explore this relationship between the museum and the classroom, and the role that technology can play in successfully bringing the two together. Through attending this conference, I hope to gain knowledge I can apply to my future work as I prepare to graduate from the ACM&MS program and begin my career in museums.

Total Anticipated Expenses: \$1,927.85

Itemized Budget (Registration, Travel, Lodging, M&IE Rate, etc.):

Flight: DTW-PHL est. \$400

Drive to DTW: $\$0.655 * 85 \text{ mi} * 2 = \111.35

Parking at DTW: $\$28/\text{day} * 5 = \140

Accommodation: Est. $\$250/\text{night} * 4 = \1000

Per Diem: $(\$79 * 2 = \$158) + (\$59.25 * 2 = \$118.5) = \$276.5$

(<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>; 75% for travel days)

Other Sources of Support (Please denote: Anticipated or Secured):

MCN Organizational Member – Student Scholarship: \$450 (secured)

College of Arts and Letters Travel Award: \$250 (pending)

MSU Graduate School Travel Award: \$400 (pending)