U.S. Alumni Travel Awards
Spring Deadline: April 15, 2011

Introduction
The Amgen Scholars Program seeks to increase research proficiency and to promote professional networking opportunities for program alumni who are committed to scientific careers. All U.S. alumni of the Amgen Scholars Program who a) are currently enrolled in a graduate degree program in an Amgen-related science or engineering field and b) have been selected to participate in a research conference are invited to apply. The Amgen Scholars U.S. Alumni Travel Awards are intended to provide partial support under $4,000 for national or international conference expenses. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and application deadlines to be considered. Funding for these travel awards is available through the generous support of the Amgen Foundation.

Eligibility
To be eligible you must be:
○ an alumnus/a of the U.S. Amgen Scholars Program
○ currently enrolled in a graduate program in an Amgen-related science or engineering field (PhD, MD/PhD or master’s)
○ selected to participate in an upcoming research conference; proof of participation is required at the time of application

Selection Criteria
Applicants are chosen on the basis of the following criteria:
○ satisfactory participation in and completion of an Amgen Scholars Program summer research experience
○ unmet financial need related to conference attendance and participation
○ demonstrated academic achievement and excellence based on the transcript, academic CV, and faculty reference letter
○ importance of the research conference to the applicant’s scientific development, academic achievement and professional networking

Note: Priority will be given to first-time applicants. Alumni may apply more than once for the travel award, but alumni may receive the award only one time.

Requirements
○ We encourage applicants also to explore other sources of funding. Applicants are required to report funding from other sources to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office at any time during the application process. The amount of the final award will be determined based on a combination of merit and need. The selection committee reserves the right to withdraw funding from candidates who withhold information.
○ Recipients, once notified, must agree to submit a brief, one-page statement about their conference research experiences within three weeks of the conference date.
○ Once disbursed, funding must be used for the purposes outlined in the travel award application and award letter or returned to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office.
Application Checklist
By the application deadline, candidates should submit one copy of the following required materials to the U.S. Amgen Scholars Program Office. All materials, including the sealed faculty reference letter and official transcript, should be sent in the same packet with the applicant’s name clearly marked on each document. An application will not be considered if any materials are missing.
○ complete application form
○ a budget worksheet outlining total conference expenses minus other funding (use sample worksheet on application form as a guideline)
○ an abstract
○ one faculty evaluator form attached to the faculty reference letter
○ one reference letter from a faculty member who has served as a recent supervisor of your research
○ a conference acceptance letter
○ academic CV

Timeline
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<td>March 4</td>
<td>Travel Award announced to Amgen Scholars alumni</td>
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<td>April 15</td>
<td>Travel Award applications due to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office</td>
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<td>April 22</td>
<td>Travel Award applications forwarded to the funding committee</td>
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<td>Funding committee convenes to select recipients</td>
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<td>May 13</td>
<td>Travel Award recipients notified by email</td>
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<td>Deadline for recipients to accept the Travel Award</td>
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<td>May 31</td>
<td>Travel Award disbursed</td>
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<td>August 1</td>
<td>Award Recipients submit a one-page statement about their conference experiences to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office</td>
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Contact Information
Applicants may direct any inquiries to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office:

Amgen Scholars Program U.S. Alumni Travel Awards
Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office
MIT, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, W31-223
Cambridge, MA 02139
Phone: 617-253-2620
Email: asp-npo@mit.edu
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Application Process: By the application deadline, candidates should submit the application form along with the following materials to:

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Notifications: Selected applicants will be notified by May 13. Funding will be disbursed by May 31. Direct all inquiries to: asp-npo@mit.edu or 617-253-2620.

Applicant Full Name (first, middle initial, last): _______________________________________________________________________
Gender: ___________________________
Telephone: ___________________ Email: ____________________________________________
Current mailing address: __________________________________________________________
Permanent mailing address: ___________________________________________________________________________________________
Amgen Scholars Program Host University: ___________ Year of Participation in Amgen Scholars Program: _____
Undergraduate Institution: ___________________________________________________________________ Graduate Institution: __________________________
Current Advisor/Research Mentor Name (title, first, last): ____________________________________________
Current Advisor/Research Mentor Email: _______________________________________________________
Academic major/s or research area/s: _____________________________________________________________
Current Degree Type (please check one): Current Year Enrolled as a Graduate Student: ___________
___ PhD ___ MD/PhD ___ Master’s Cumulative GPA (Current Institution): ____________________
Complete Name of Conference: ____________________________________________________

Dates and Location of Conference: ________________________________________________

Conference Registration Deadline: ________________________________________________

Total Amount Requested (attach budget worksheet, sample included below): _______________

SAMPLE BUDGET WORKSHEET

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Have you applied for other sources of funding? ______ yes ______ no

If yes, please identify source, amount, and expected notification date: ____________________________

I attest that all the information provided, to the best of my knowledge, is accurate.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

All award recipients should note that there might be a tax liability with the travel award. Please contact a tax advisor.
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FACULTY EVALUATION FORM

Applicant:
Please include your full name below and ask a faculty member who has served as a recent supervisor of your research to complete Part I and Part II of the form. The reference letter should be sealed in a separate envelope, signed by the faculty member and returned to you. All application materials should be sent in one packet to:

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Faculty Evaluator:

Part I:
Applicant Full Name:

Faculty Evaluator Full Name:

Evaluator College/University:

Evaluator Academic Title:

Phone: _______________________________ Email: _______________________________

In what capacity do you know the applicant? _______________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? ___________________________________________

How does the applicant compare with his or her peer group in academic ability?

Excellent _____ Very Good _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

Part II:
Please complete Part I and return along with a separate reference letter in a sealed and signed envelope to the applicant for submission to the Amgen Scholars U.S. Program Office.