

BSA Student/PostDoc Travel Awards 2021

Background:

At the last Board meeting, we set this decision aside because we were still trying to figure out what the student registration rates for Botany conference would be. We decided to provide 30 Developing Nations Travel awards and 20 Professional member travel awards (these are all registration awards this year).

In a normal year, we had allocated \$5000 for 10 Student/PostDoc travel awards @ \$500 each.

Since we know we will want to provide even more support to help students get to Alaska next year (Botany 2022), we should save a bit of these funds in anticipation of that, while still providing the registration award lottery for students/postdocs.

I know that we lowered the student registration fee for the conference, however providing these awards is important for BSA marketing, attracting new members, connecting with the Society and having a positive experience.

Proposal:

In 2021, BSA provides up to \$2500 worth of registration awards to students and PostDocs with the aim of providing 25 Student Registrations @ \$25 and 25 PostDoc Registrations @ \$75.