

Application for Student Professional Development Award

The Student Professional Development Award (SPDA) was established to encourage and support students to present a paper or poster at a professional conference. This award is intended to support travel to national and regional conferences and does not fund presentations at local or state conferences. The recipient(s) of the SPDA is required to show acceptance of his/her paper or poster. If there is joint authorship, each person attending the conference will receive a proportional amount of the award. Before attending the conference, the student(s) must present the paper or poster to the relevant School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) professor for review. The paper or poster must clearly indicate that the student is enrolled in the School of Library and Information Science at Wayne State University. To receive additional assistance and feedback, the student(s) may wish to present the paper at the SLIS Faculty Research Forum.

The student(s) is required to submit a short report on the conference that will be posted to the SLIS website. A copy of the report will also be kept in the student's file.

To be eligible to apply, the student(s) must be currently enrolled in the WSU School of Library and Information Science both during the application period and at the time of the travel.

To apply, please submit the following items to the SLIS office:

- A copy of your most recent grade report from Pipeline (for each student if joint application)
- A copy of your paper or poster. The Administration Concerns Committee will review the applications and notify the applicant(s) within two weeks whether the request has been approved.
- A 250-word essay on how you (for each student if joint application) will benefit from this award
- A copy of any funding provided by the organization or other source (for each student if joint application)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Conference: _____ Dates: _____

**** NOTE:** An expense report must be submitted and authorized BEFORE the travel occurs for funds to be released. The form and assistance completing it may be obtained from Yolanda Reader in the SLIS office (313-577-2512; email: af7735@wayne.edu).