



National Institutes of Health
Office of Research on Women's Health



NIH Scholar Travel Awards for the Organization for the Study of Sex Differences (OSSD) 2026 Annual Meeting

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The NIH Scholar Travel Awards program, coordinated by the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), will support the development of up to six junior investigators who are focused on sex differences and/or women's health. The awards will help defray the cost of attending the [Organization for the Study of Sex Differences \(OSSD\) Annual Meeting](#) that will occur on May 12–15, 2026, in Waikoloa Village, Hawaii. Attendance at the OSSD meeting offers a unique opportunity for investigators to network with leading scientists and clinicians working to advance research on sex differences and/or women's health. Interested investigators who have submitted to OSSD an abstract for a poster, oral session, or symposium about women's health or sex differences are invited to apply for this travel award. A panel of experts will review the abstracts, and up to six of them will be selected.

AWARD AMOUNT

Pending availability of funds, NIH will provide up to six awards, in the amount of \$5,000 each, to support the attendance of the selected NIH Scholar(s) at the OSSD 2026 Annual Meeting.

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE

- The travel award application period ends January 19, 2026.
- The award recipients will be announced by March 1, 2026. *The selected individual(s) will be notified via email.*

WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible for the NIH Scholar Travel Award, applicants must:

- Possess a baccalaureate or higher degree
- Be one of the following: a medical student from any health-related discipline, a postdoctoral trainee, an American Association for the Advancement of Science fellow, a medical resident, a member of the uniformed services or National Guard, or an investigator who is no more than five years past a doctoral degree or residency
- Be the first author on the submitted OSSD abstract accepted for presentation
- Not be a federal employee



HOW TO APPLY

Submit your abstract on the [OSSD 2026 Abstract Details page](#). The deadline to submit your abstract for travel award consideration is **January 19, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST**.

Once you have submitted your application to OSSD, send an email with the subject line "NIH OSSD Scholar Travel Award Application for 2026" to Samia Noursi, Ph.D., at samia.noursi@nih.gov. **Please send this email by January 19, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST, to be considered for this award.**

Please include in the email your mailing address, phone number, and email address and the following required Word document attachments:

- A copy of the abstract submitted to OSSD, including its title and authors
- Your curriculum vitae; list all of your NIH grant support, if applicable
- A cover letter stating:
 - (1) Your eligibility (see requirements in the "Who Can Apply?" section above)
 - (2) Your interest in pursuing research on women's health and/or sex differences
 - (3) Your career goals
- A letter of support from your academic adviser, mentor, or fellowship director

QUESTIONS

For questions about the award, please contact Dr. Samia Noursi at samia.noursi@nih.gov.

ABOUT NIH

NIH is committed to improving the health outcomes of men and women through the support of rigorous science that advances fundamental knowledge about the biology and behavior of living systems. In 1990, NIH established ORWH, which works in partnership with NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices and other agencies and offices within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to advance the health of women.

NIH continues to multidimensionally address the issue of women's health and reporting across biomedical research through program oversight, review, and collaboration with extramural researchers, health care providers, advocates, and the public.

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For more information about ORWH, visit <https://orwh.od.nih.gov>.

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