

## ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry – Graduate Student Travel Awards 2004

The ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry's Membership Committee is sponsoring a program to provide funding for polymer science graduate students to travel to a National ACS meeting in 2004 to present the results of their research. Grants may be applied only for registration, travel, and accommodations, and are restricted to the Spring ACS National Meeting. Only members of the ACS and the Division of Polymer Chemistry who study at U. S. institutions are eligible. Awards will be limited to one per institution. Awards will be given with preference to the following order: (1) any applicant who will be making his/her first presentation (regardless of format) at a national ACS meeting, (2) applicants with outstanding academic merit, (3) applicants with financial restraints.

The deadline date for receipt of applications for 2004 meeting is as follows:

•November 1, 2003 – Spring 2004 ACS Meeting (Anaheim)

\*\* winners will be notified prior to the deadline for POLY preprint submission \*\*

### **In order to apply for the award, please submit the following:**

1. A resume (include permanent address). (Please limit to 2 pages)
2. A completed official application form that you may download from <http://www.polyacs.org> (if you need an acrobat reader, go to <http://www.adobe.com/store/products/reader.html> ). The application form is also available from the POLY Business Office. (See address below or call 540-231-3029; email: [kathyl@vt.edu](mailto:kathyl@vt.edu))
3. An abstract of the work to be presented, using the standard ACS abstract format (150 words, one paragraph) See ACS web site for guidelines (<http://www.acs.org>) . The abstract MUST be suitable to be presented in a POLY-sponsored symposium or POLY general session.
4. A letter (1 page max., 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) detailing the reasons you want this award (both scientific and financial) and specifically you should outline your future career plans in the area of polymer chemistry and describe how you believe you can impact the field It should be noted whether or not you have made a previous presentation at a national meeting.
5. A letter from your advisor (1 page max., 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) confirming your participation in the meeting at which you will be making your presentation, commenting on your technical ability and potential in the field of polymer science, and listing any other travel support that would be available from the department or research grants.
6. A letter from another faculty member (1 page max, 12 pt font, 1.5 spacing) noting your academic and technical merits and potential for success in the field.

Three \$400 awards will be made on the basis of scientific merit, financial need, and potential for future contributions in the field of polymer science with the POLY Membership Committee and POLY Board serving as the selection jury. Through this program, the ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry hopes to increase the participation of younger scientists in the field of polymer chemistry.

Please send your application to:

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