

Daniel A. Okun Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Student Travel Award

The Daniel A. Okun Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Student Travel Award assists Environmental Sciences and Engineering (ESE) students with travel support to countries and communities around the world, rendering assistance to the community in engineering aspects of water, sanitation and hygiene while enhancing their educational experience. Support is open to all degree seeking students while preference will be given to Bachelor of Science in Public Health students or Environmental Engineering students when possible. One or more awards are granted annually totaling a maximum of US\$2,000.

You must submit your application as a single pdf file to ESEstudentservices@unc.edu. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Eligibility

You are eligible if:

- You are an ESE undergraduate or graduate student.
- You are a fully enrolled, degree-seeking, student in good standing with your program (registration is not required during the summer).
- The purpose of the travel relates to work/research/assistance to communities in engineering aspects of water, sanitation and hygiene.
- The activities performed during the trip enhance your educational experience.
- Other sources of funding do not fully cover travel expenses.
- You have not previously received a Daniel A. Okun Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Student Travel Award.
- **Note:** If you were previously awarded but did not use a Daniel A. Okun Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Student Travel Award, and want to apply again, you must submit in addition to the materials requested below, an explanation of why the previous award was not used. This explanation must be signed by the advisor/mentor/project lead investigator that supported that previous award application.

Criteria

- Your application should consist of: (1) a project description; and (2) evidence of intended travel and purpose of travel.
- The project description should be 1-page or less in length (1-in margin all around, 12-point font) and include:
 - a. applicant's information (i.e., name, email address, degree sought, advisor)
 - b. travel destination and purpose of trip
 - c. how the work performed during the trip fits within the broader scope of a project
 - d. how this trip serves to enhance the applicant's educational experience
 - e. intended use of funds (i.e., budget) if awarded
- The evidence of your intended travel and purpose of your travel should consist of a notification (e.g., email, letter) from your advisor/mentor/project lead investigator/other briefly describing:
 - a. your role in the planned trip
 - b. her/his support for you as an applicant for this award
 - c. a statement that other sources of funding are not available to fully cover travel expenses disbursement.

- Acceptable expenses include anything to make your trip viable (e.g., transportation, lodging, meals)

Instructions for awardees

- Funds may be spent in one of these ways:
 - a. either work directly with Robin Whitley (robin_whitley@unc.edu) in Rosenau Room 148 to purchase your travel (e.g., plane tickets)
 - b. pay for your travel by yourself and bring your receipts to Robin for reimbursement (e.g., plane tickets, lodging, meals)
- Travel must be completed by May 15th of the year following the award year (e.g., if you receive this award in 2021 your travel must be completed by May 15th 2022).