



**STANDING PANEL OF SOCIAL EQUITY IN GOVERNANCE  
SOCIAL EQUITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SELC)**

**Guidelines for the SELC Student Conference Travel Grant**

**Description:** The Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance supports a conference travel grant to full-time students who present scholarly work at the annual Social Equity Leadership Conference. The maximum funding provided by the grant is \$750. This grant is available for full-time graduate or undergraduate students studying public policy, public affairs, or public administration. The National Academy of Public Administration Standing Panel will support up to ten (10) student travel grants each year.

**Deadline for Student Travel Awards:** Student Conference Travel Grant applications are accepted at any time; however, students should email their student travel grant applications within a window of 30 days before or 30 days after the Social Equity Leadership Conference. Student Conference Travel Grant applications must show that travel funds will be or were used to support their travel experience to the annual SELC event. Eligible expenses for student travel include Conference registration fees, Airfare/Airline fees, Ground transportation (taxi fares or ride shares), Private automobile transportation (reimbursed per mile at a rate set by the university for trips up to 300 miles), meals, commercial rental vehicles, lodging, tolls, and parking fees. Allowable expenses include attending and presenting scholarly research and presentations at the annual Social Equity Leadership Conference, held in person or virtually.

**Non-Allowable Expenses:** Items and services typically funded by departments and/or colleges; Professional memberships; Publication expenses; upgrades, alcohol, books, newspapers; Childcare, babysitting, house or pet-sitting; Clothing, gifts, luggage, haircuts, laundry, dry cleaning; Passports, vaccinations, visas; Personal entertainment (in-flight movies, headsets, social activities); other expenses not directly related to traveling to/from and participating in the annual Social Equity Leadership Conference. Applications that include non-allowable expenses will not be reviewed.

**Eligibility Criteria:** (1) Undergraduate and graduate students seeking Student Travel Awards must have their faculty advisor approve their request for NAPA student travel support; and (2) Applications must include a 'pdf' copy of their academic research paper or presentation slides, details on allowable travel expenses, and a letter requesting up to \$750 in student travel support.

**Application Deadline:** Student Travel Grant applications are accepted within a window of 30 days before or 30 days after the annual NAPA Social Equity Leadership Conference. **Grant Requests Due by June 30, 2026.**

**Required Application Materials:** Student Travel Award application packets must include: (1) Verification of conference travel; (2) A detailed description of the approved SELC conference abstract, approval of faculty advisor (name and email address); (3) Student abstract submitted and accepted for presentation and 'pdf' or academic paper or presentation; including Travel Itinerary (Budget presentation/exhibition titles, days, and times), with an itemized list of all travel expenses, and a description of funding from the department, college, or other sources (including out-of-pocket student travel expenses).

**How to Apply:** Email the completed application packet to NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance ([SELC@napawash.org](mailto:SELC@napawash.org)) — include in the subject line STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT REQUEST. Acknowledgment of receipt of the request will be returned within five (5) business days to ensure funding decisions can be made within ten (10) business days.

**Post-Award Reporting Requirements:** Successful award winners are required to share their academic papers and/or conference presentations at an upcoming NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance meeting, immediately following the annual Social Equity Leadership Conference. In addition, payment will be made by check, and mailed to the awardee within 30 days of receiving appropriate documentation, including a W-9 form.

**Contact:** For more information, please email NAPA Standing Panel on Social Equity in Governance: [SELC@napawash.org](mailto:SELC@napawash.org)