Fund in the Department of Epidemiology

WHAT

The episummer@columbia Fund was created to provide our graduate students with an opportunity to access resources to help advance their professional educational agenda, using the revenue generated by the Columbia University’s Department of Epidemiology summer institute called episummer@columbia.

WHY

The episummer@columbia Fund is a funding source for Department students presenting their research at professional conferences. Examples of potential uses for the episummer@columbia Fund include:

- travel for conferences to trainees who are presenting findings at professional meetings
- registration for conference to trainees who are presenting findings at professional meetings
- tuition for specific training needs, such as short courses, workshops, and training in software packages or lab techniques that are offered pre-, during and post-conferences

HOW

Students seeking funding will complete a brief one-page application, providing the following information:

- description, including, as applicable, date(s), location.
- cost, including, as applicable, a detailed listing of each element. It is anticipated that applications will be for amounts less than $2,500 for any one professional conference. Lump sum costs without explanation will not be considered. Projects for higher amounts may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- rationale, as in, why this conference/pre- or post- course is vital to the student’s education and research goals
- brief description of other funding avenues the student has pursued prior to, or concomitantly with, seeking episummer@columbia Funds.

All things being equal, priority for funding will be given to students who demonstrate that they have exhausted all other available avenues of funding.

All applications should be submitted to Ms Liliane Zaretsky (lz3@columbia.edu).

The episummer@columbia Fund committee will adjudicate applications.

WHEN

There are three episummer@columbia Fund funding cycles: applications will be accepted on September 30, January 30, and May 30 each year. Applicants will be notified of the committee’s decision within a month of the request. Applicants who are funded will be reimbursed, an amount up to the award amount, upon conclusion of the event and after applicant has submitted (a) all receipts and (b) a brief summary of how the episummer@columbia Fund award was used.

WHO

All master’s and doctoral students enrolled in a degree program in the Department of Epidemiology are eligible. All things being equal, priority for funds will be given to students who have demonstrated active engagement in the Department, particularly in attendance at Department Seminars and CUEGRs.

Excerpt from episummer@columbia fund recipient: Attending the Society for Epidemiologic Research 50th meeting in Seattle, WA was a great opportunity for me to engage in an academic discussion with doctoral students and faculty from other schools. Presenting my poster entitled “Excess risk of crash involvement associated with alcohol use increases with crash severity” allowed me to receive valuable feedback on how to improve the content for a publication that I am preparing to submit. Victor Puac Polanco, former DrPH candidate
Fund Application

Instructions
Applications deadlines: September 30, January 30, May 30

Submit completed application to Liliane Zaretsky, Director for Academic Programs (lz3@columbia.edu).

Add extra lines as necessary. Make sure the total amount requested is in bold or otherwise highlighted. Applicants are encouraged to use additional pages as necessary to justify why this opportunity is congruent with their educational and/or research goals. Please ensure that you attach relevant documentation (for example, if you are presenting an abstract, attach the abstract as well as evidence that it has been accepted to the conference). You are welcome to attach other supplementary material that the Committee may find helpful in their deliberations.

STUDENT NAME ___________________________ UNI ___________________________ PREFERRED EMAIL ___________________________

Funding is requested for the following:

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Please briefly describe your request.

Please briefly describe the other funding avenues you have pursued prior to applying to the episummer@columbia Fund.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT ___________________________ DATE (MONTH/DAY/YEAR) ___________________________