The POMS College of Sustainable Operations (CSO) would like to announce the early-stage (years 1-3) doctoral student award, which is intended to provide monetary support for attendance to the 2020 POMS Annual Conference. The College will partially reimburse 3-4 recipients for up to $400 in costs associated with their travel to the 2020 POMS Annual Conference.

**Eligibility:** Recipients must be current members of the College of Sustainable Operations, who are officially participating in the POMS Annual Conference. Preference will be given to students that are involved in conference activities such as making a presentation, acting as a session chair, attending the Doctoral Consortium or the CSO Mini conference. Eligibility is limited to current students, who are in the first three years of their doctoral program at the time of application.

**Application:** Eligible candidates should submit the following five documents:

i) **Statement of Need** (not to exceed 200 words), explaining the following:
   a) Why is attendance at this conference important to the applicant?
   b) How is the applicant participating in the conference (e.g., The title of the presentation, session, or another event (e.g., consortium, mini conference) the applicant is attending and the applicant’s role)?
   c) List of other funding resources and their respective amounts.

ii) The applicant’s CV

iii) If the applicant is presenting a paper, the abstract of the paper.

iv) A statement verifying the applicant’s eligibility from his/her department chair or advisor.

**Selection Criteria:** The selection committee will assess the applications based on the following criteria: i) Funding needs ii) Contribution to the conference iii) Academic excellence. Priority will be given to those who have never received the award in prior years. The selection committee will notify recipients.

**Submission:** All applications should be emailed to poms.cso@gmail.com with the Subject “2020 CSO PhD Student Travel Award”. The deadline for the submission is 11:59 pm on Sunday March 1st.

**Reimbursement:** Up to $400 in expenses will be reimbursed upon submittal of conference travel receipts to POMS staff. CSO is not responsible for making travel arrangements. Recipients will be asked to submit all receipts for reimbursement no later than 10 days following the conclusion of the conference.

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