



William C. Ritz Scholarship for Science Education

The *William C. Ritz Scholarship* is intended to support Science Education graduate students' participation in professional conferences. The money is meant to support graduate students who are presenting at a conference or whose attendance at a professional meeting will further their growth and degree progress. Dr. Ritz founded the Science Education Department at California State University, Long Beach. His research and passion has been to support early childhood science education. This scholarship is funded in his honor and reflects his commitment to science teacher preparation for preK16 and his active engagement in the science education community

Preference will be given to applicants who:

1. are presenting at a conference (not just attending), or
2. are presenting research from their thesis or other work done at CSULB, or
3. are working with young learners, or
4. are actively engaged in the life of the department, or
5. are first time scholarship recipients, or
6. are students in good standing in the Science Education MS program.

Name _____ Last 4 digits of SS#: _____

phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Conference details:

What conference are you hoping to attend? _____

When is the conference? _____

Where is the conference? _____

Are you presenting at this conference? ___ YES ___ NO

If you are presenting please attach a brief description of your session and confirmation that your session has been accepted.

Provide a brief budget (with supporting documents if they are available)

Conference Registration \$ _____

Travel costs (airfare, mileage) \$ _____

Accommodations \$ _____

Total Estimated Costs of the Conference \$ _____

Amount you are requesting \$ _____

Maximum Grants:

Local (no hotel needed) \$200

Regional (driving distance, hotel needed) \$300

Distant (airfare and hotel required) \$600

Per diem for food not supported by the scholarship.

Do you have additional sources of support to attend this conference?

___ YES ___ NO If so, how much? \$ _____

Have you received Ritz Scholarship Funding in the past? ___ YES ___ NO

Please respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

In a short essay describe your goals for attending this conference. Be sure to explain how attending this conference fits in with your degree progress, your research agenda, and your professional goals. Please also describe your participation in the Science Education Department (e.g. attended STAR seminar series, attended or presented at Association of Future Science Educators, attended departmental social events, worked at Young Scientists Camp, participated in faculty research grants and projects, attended Long Beach Science Education Network meetings, etc.)?

If funded you will submit a reflection about your conference experience and how it has benefited you as a science educator.