

5-College STEM Family Travel Initiative Dependent Care Travel Assistance Program

ROLLING APPLICATION FOR INCREMENTAL DEPENDENT-CARE EXPENSES DURING SHORT-TERM TRAVEL (\$150 max)

Through a grant from the Elsevier Foundation New Scholars Program, UMass Amherst supports the incremental expense of dependent care during professional travel of its faculty and post-docs with substantial dependent-care responsibility.

Travel support is restricted to faculty and post docs in the *Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, or STEM disciplines. Faculty and post-doctoral fellows in the Five Colleges are currently eligible for one overnight travel grant and one short-term/local (day trip) grant per year. Watch our program in the future to see if this restriction becomes relaxed.

Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Priority will be given to those facing the greatest obstacles to travel and participation in events, and for whom the impact of participation will likely be the greatest. We anticipate this group to include post-docs and junior women faculty, single parents, and dual academic career couples with overlapping travel demands.

Information about the program, including eligible departments, and the definition of *incremental childcare expenses* is available at the STEM FTI website (StemFamilyTravel.org).

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a tenure-track or tenured faculty or post-doc within the Five Colleges.
- Applicant must be the primary care provider (50% or greater responsibility) for at least 1 child, elder, or special needs person, or part of a dual-academic career family.
- Applicant must be working in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) field within a qualified department at one of the Five Colleges.
- Short-term grants are intended for travel to one-day conferences or symposiums or colloquia. The intent of these awards is to support the cost of care extending beyond the regular work hours, in a single day.

Examples of coverage:

- A dual career couple, one parent is invited to give a colloquium at a regional university and the other parent is hosting an on-campus speaker on the same day, costs of extended care may be requested.
- A single parent attending a grant planning meeting with MIT and Harvard faculty in Cambridge, may request costs of extended care.
- A post-doc who is the primary caregiver for a child may request funds to cover the cost of extended care when invited to guest lecture at a local university. This may include a special “pick-up” accommodation, for example, a ride to and from the child-care facility.

Not covered:

- grants will not fund: fees to a family member for services or food or beverage
- short-term/local grants will not fund any travel costs except to transport child between day care and home
- grants will not fund the applicant’s own travel costs
- grants cannot cover after-hours events at the applicant’s home institution.

For more information, please contact the STEM Family Travel Initiative at 413-577-1410 or STEMfti@mail.pse.umass.edu.

STEM Family Travel Initiative
Application for Dependent Care Support (Day Trips only)

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Please allow 3-4 weeks to process requests.

PLEASE EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: STEMfti@mail.pse.umass.edu

I. Your Information

Name _____ Email _____

Preferred phone #: _____

College/University: UMass Smith Amherst Hampshire Mt. Holyoke

Department /Program: _____

Year of Ph.D. _____ Year of Hire at 5-Colleges _____

Rank _____ Years at current rank _____

Department Chair: _____ Email of Department Chair: _____

If post-doc: Advisor: _____ Email of advisor: _____

Have you had STEM FTI funding before? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe its impact on your career (additional invites, collaborations, funding, awards, etc):

II. Event Information

Name of event and sponsoring organization: _____

Date of event: _____ Location : _____

Type of function (e.g., conference, panel): _____

Size of event (Estimated number of attendees) : _____

Describe the nature of your participation (check all that apply)

Invited speaker Paper presentation Poster presentation

Panel participation/ discussant Networking opportunity Other (please provide details):

How does your participation in this event benefit your career (be specific)? _____

III. Dependent Care Need / Budget Request

This request is for [] childcare [] eldercare

Ages of dependents:

	Amount Requested
Extended hours at childcare	
Sitter in-home	
Other (please be specific)	
Total (Maximum \$150)	

Will you use Sitter City to find childcare? Yes No

Explain your level need and why the coverage requested constitutes an incremental expense (see STEMFamilyTravel.org for definition). In particular it is helpful to explain why a spouse is not available to take on a care-giving role.

IV. Conditions on Funding

I certify to the following:

- **I am responsible for at least 50% of the primary care of the dependent to be covered by this funding.**
- **That the expenses to reimbursed constitute only the incremental costs of childcare associated with this event**
- If I am awarded SFTI funding, I agree to give SFTI a full accounting of my dependent care experience and expenses within 30 days of the travel.
- In understand that I will be required to provide receipts for all expenses to be reimbursed, and that the award money is taxable income.

Signature: _____

Date: _____