

Oxford Instruments Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Program Terms and Conditions

1. This campaign is known as Oxford Instruments Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Program (“Travel Grant Program”) with each business unit choosing one Ph.D. student, (“Awardee”) to receive up to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00 USD) reimbursement for travel, lodging and meal expenses to participate in a specific conference related to their field of study (“Award”).
2. The promoter of the Award is **Oxford Instruments America, Inc.**, Company number: 04-3358144 Whose registered address is at 300 Baker Avenue, Suite 150, Concord, Massachusetts 01742, USA (“Oxford Instruments”).
3. The goal of the Travel Grant Program is to provide conference travel grant support to the Awardee(s) utilizing Oxford Instruments Plasma Technology systems to advance innovative research.
4. Entries will be open on **May 15, 2023, 10:00 EST** and shall be via Entry Form available from the Oxford Instruments website [HERE](https://plasma.oxinst.com/campaigns/americas-conference-travel-grant-program) (https://plasma.oxinst.com/campaigns/americas-conference-travel-grant-program). The Travel Grant Program will close on **October 15, 2023 at 12:00 EST**. Award nominations will take place on **October 31, 2023** on the Oxford Instruments website. Oxford Instruments reserves the right to change this date without notice at any time.
5. Unless otherwise stated, the Award is open to Ph.D. students studying Science, Engineering or a related discipline at an accredited university in North America or South America. Entrants must be 18 years or over to enter.
6. The personal information supplied by entrants when entering the Travel Grant Program will be used by Oxford Instruments in accordance with the privacy statement on its website - [Privacy - Oxford Instruments \(oxinst.com\)](https://oxinst.com/privacy). Entrants should read this statement as their entry is an agreement to be bound by such statement. All entrants may contact Oxford Instruments to have their details removed from its database at any time.
7. To enter, applicants must submit a copy of an abstract that they prepared for submission to a conference focused on addressing key advances in materials, processing, and interfaces that is taking place in 2023 in North America or South America. The applicant must be the **presenting author** of the abstract and the abstract must have been prepared according to the guidelines given by the organizers of the conference that the applicant is targeting. The abstracts must make clear reference to the Oxford Instruments Plasma Technology systems and must not include any employees of Oxford Instruments. Number of entries per person is **limited to one entry only**. No amendments can be made to an entry once it has been submitted. If an entrant has concerns about the information provided or submitted, they should contact Oxford Instruments by emailing travel.grant.pt@oxinst.com.
8. No purchase is necessary to enter the Travel Grant Program as an entry.
9. Employees of Oxford Instruments and its affiliate companies or their immediate family members of such employees are not eligible to enter.
10. By entering, entrants confirm that the data and/or work submitted is their own or that they have the express permission of the content owner to share this data and/or with Oxford Instruments for the purpose of this Travel Grant Program.
11. Incomplete entries or any entry that is deemed illegible, unrecognisable in transmission or otherwise does not comply with the terms of this Travel Grant Program, may be considered invalid at the sole discretion of Oxford Instruments.
12. Oxford Instruments reserves the right to verify all entries and further reserves the right to disqualify an entry if Oxford instruments have reasonable grounds to believe that the entrant has breached these terms, any applicable law (including but not limited to any copyright law) or has otherwise infringed the intellectual property of any third party. In the event of any dispute regarding the rules, conduct or the results of the Travel Grant Program, the decision of Oxford Instruments shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. The Awardee(s) will be selected by a panel of Oxford Instruments employees. All entries have an equal and fair chance of winning the Award.
14. Oxford Instruments reserves the right to publish the names of the Awardee(s) and the winning abstracts, the winner shall give full co-operation to requests made in connection with any publicity associated with this Award.

By entering the Travel Grant Program, the Awardee(s) agree to participate in such promotional activity and material as Oxford Instruments may require.

15. The decision of Oxford Instruments is final and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
16. The Awardee(s) of the Travel Grant Program will be notified by e-mail. If the Awardee(s) is unable to accept this Award for any reason or if Oxford Instruments has not been able, after making reasonable efforts, to make contact with the winner, Oxford Instruments reserves the right to nominate an alternative Awardee.
17. Any intellectual property rights conceived, produced or reduced to practice in connection with any entry into the Travel Grant Program shall remain the property of the entrant.
18. The entrant represents and warrants that they are not aware of any intellectual property rights that would be infringed or misused by their entry.
19. The entrant acknowledges that no further remuneration or compensation other than the Award is or may become due to the entrant in respect of their entry into the Travel Grant Program.
20. The Award will be dispersed as a reimbursement payment, reimbursing Awardee for all actual travel expenses (airfare, lodging, meals, and conference registration fees), not to exceed Four-Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00 USD). The Award is not transferable and cannot be substituted for a cash alternative or any other prize.
21. The Award may not be claimed by a third party on the entrant's behalf.
22. Events may occur that render the Travel Grant Program and/or granting the Award impossible due to reasons beyond the control of Oxford Instruments. Accordingly, Oxford Instruments may at its absolute discretion vary or amend the terms of the Travel Grant Program and/or the Award and the entrant agrees that no liability shall attach to Oxford Instruments as a result thereof.
23. The Travel Grant Program is not sponsored, endorsed, or administered by, or associated with any gift or voucher brands. Oxford Instruments makes no representation or warranty in relation to the Award provided, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, Oxford Instruments shall have no liability to any entrant, or third party related to this Travel Grant Program or its fitness for purpose, merchantability or otherwise.
24. Oxford Instruments excludes all liability to the fullest extent permitted by law for any costs, claims or losses (including, without limitation, indirect, special or consequential loss or loss of profits), expense or damage which is suffered or sustained (whether or not arising from any person's negligence) howsoever caused that arise by reason of the entrant's entry into the Travel Grant Program or subsequent Award. Oxford Instruments will not be liable for any delay or failure to comply with its obligations for reasons its reasonable control arising from but not limited to fire, flood or act of god; natural disaster; armed conflict; terrorist attack; civil war; civil commotion or riots; war; sanctions or embargoes; any labour or trade disputes, strikes or industrial actions (whether involving employees of either party or of a third party); epidemic or pandemic; equipment or supply difficulties; any rule or action of any public authority; transportation delays or any other circumstances. Nothing will exclude Oxford Instruments liability for death or personal injury because of its negligence.
25. By entering this Travel Grant Program, entrants agree to be bound by these terms. Oxford Instruments reserves the right to amend these terms at any time.
26. If any of these terms are held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, such term(s) shall be severed from the remaining terms which shall continue in full force and effect.
27. These terms shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The courts of Massachusetts shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any dispute arising in connection with any of these terms.