PhD PROGRAM: Policy on Student Support for Travel to Professional Meetings and Conferences

The Department wants its PhD students and graduates to be effective communicators of statistical and scientific research. Toward this end, the Joseph Zeger Travel Reimbursement Fund has been established to provide partial support for PhD students to present papers or posters at research meetings. The Fund recognizes Joseph Zeger, who believed all individuals, and not just those of means, should have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Students must request permission from Dr. Brian Caffo, graduate program director, in a brief letter, co-signed by the advisor, which indicates the meeting and the paper title. Once students have obtained the necessary signatures, they should bring/email the letter of request to Mary Joy Argo, Academic Administrator, in Room E3523. Students will be reimbursed for up to a fixed amount that is set by the administrator annually. (The current amount is $500.) Because funds are limited, students may receive partial support for only one meeting per fiscal year (ie, July through June). Funded students are also expected to present their paper to the Department's students and faculty in a formal or informal setting.