



## Application for Committee on Knowledge Extension Research (CKER) Actuarial Research Conference (ARC) Travel Grants

Return completed materials no later than **May 27, 2026**

The CKER is offering travel grants up to \$1,000 (U.S.) to graduate students pursuing a Ph.D. from the U.S., Canada or Mexico, who will be presenting at the 61<sup>st</sup> Actuarial Research Conference. The ARC will be held at **by The Ohio State University, July 21–24, 2026**. CKER will consider as many as two student applications per school, with the school advisor ranking the applicants when there are two from that school. The top-ranked applicant will be considered first; if there are any funds left after the initial funding decisions, CKER will consider the second student application. The grant amount, which covers transportation costs only, is based on the actual cost of **economy air travel and reasonable ground transportation**. If the applicant drives to the 61<sup>st</sup> ARC, a lesser amount will be awarded. Car rentals will be reimbursed **only** if authorized in advance. If mileage is reimbursed, gas and tolls will not be reimbursed. **Please note that there will be no reimbursement without receipts.** Each student will need an ARC presentation verification from an advisor, department chair or graduate program advisor (please see item #12). **Each student will also need to submit a 100-word abstract commenting on the purpose, background, data, methods, results and impact of the presentation.** Over time, candidates can receive no more than two grants, and only then if their presentations are on different topics. The two-time limit to receiving a grant is over the period the individual is enrolled in a Ph.D. program. The decisions of the CKER are final. Applicants will be notified if they will receive a grant by **June 11, 2026**.

*(print or type)*

1. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

3. Email \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone/Fax \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. University \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Date started \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated degree completion date \_\_\_\_\_

7. Status: Full time \_\_\_\_\_ Part time \_\_\_\_\_ If not a full-time student, describe other activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Presentation topic at ARC \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Membership in actuarial organizations *(list organization name & membership designation)*  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Information regarding actuarial examinations:

Organization/actuarial examinations passed \_\_\_\_\_

Plans for taking actuarial examinations during 2026-27 academic year \_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you previously received a CKER travel grant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what was your topic? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What other sources of funding are available to you for travel for this presentation? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. The following form must be completed by an advisor, department chair or graduate program director verifying the student's status at the university.

*\*To Advisor, Department Chair, or Graduate Program Director-if you have more than one applicant from your school, please rank them first or second. (See below.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/fax \_\_\_\_\_

University \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Ph.D. Field \_\_\_\_\_

Ranking of students from your school \_\_\_\_\_

*(If applicable, coordinate the applications from your school, otherwise the application will be considered incomplete.)*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*I verify that the above is a Ph.D. student who will be presenting at the 61st ARC at The Ohio State University July 21-24.*

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