

# WELCOME! ¡BIENVENIDOS! SACNAS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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# How to Attend the 2014 SACNAS National Conference

# Links Summary

- Register for a SACNAS online account
  - <http://sacnas.org/user/register?reset=1&id=1>
- Submit an abstract to present at SACNAS
  - <http://sacnas.org/events/national-conf/student-postdoc-research-presentations>
- Submit an application for a travel award
  - <http://sacnas.org/node/add/travel-scholarship>

# What Is SACNAS?

- To increase the number of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans with advanced degrees in science and the motivation to be leaders.
- To increase the number of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in science research, leadership, and teaching careers at all levels.
- To increase governmental commitment to advancing Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in science resulting in increased resources, elimination of barriers, and greater equity.

# What is the SACNAS National Conference

- Annual gathering of minority scientists in the country where they present cutting edge-science
- Include all STEM fields
- Open for undergraduates and graduates students, post doctoral associates, professionals



Professional  
and  
leadership  
sessions

Student and  
Post doc  
presentations

Scientific  
Symposia  
sessions

Keynote  
Speakers

Over 300  
exhibits  
booths

Networking  
and  
Mentoring

Cultural  
Activities









# What do I need to attend ?

| Category                           | Fees                     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Student Annual National Membership | \$ 15.00                 |
| Student Registration Fee           | \$ 300.00 for members    |
| Air Fare                           | ~ \$500-\$600 (estimate) |
| Lodging                            | ~ \$700-\$800 (estimate) |
| Total                              | ~ \$1,800                |

- No need to worry ...
  - You can always apply to the SACNAS Travel Award
  - Supplemental programs / awards on campus to defray costs of attendance
  - Registration covered by SACNAS chapter

# What do I need on my abstract ?

- Short paragraph (250 words) describing your research
- Must include
  - Title
  - Authors
  - University
  - Introduction
  - Main Problem
  - Significance
  - Hypothesis
  - Approach
  - Preliminary Results

<http://sacnas.org/content/writing-effective-abstract>



# Who got the scholarship in past years ?

| Category                   | Presenters | Scholarships |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Poster Presenter-Undergrad | 768        | 758          |
| Poster Presenter-Postdoc   | 30         | 35           |
| Poster Presenter-Grad      | 108        | -            |
| Oral Presenter-Grad        | 74         | 204          |
| Total                      | 980        | 997          |

**Bottom line: A good chance you'll get a travel award!**

**Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>!**

**APPLY NOW**



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# What do I need to win a Travel Award ?


## Students

- GPA
- Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation
- Recommendation form

## Postdocs

- CV

Statement of Purpose (~500 words)



Frame your  
response with  
this mission  
statement

*SACNAS is a society of scientists dedicated to fostering the success of Hispanic/Chicano and Native American scientists—from college students to professionals—to attain advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in science.*

# What do I need to win a Travel Award ?

- **Reference letter**
  - Someone that can talk professionally about you and your research! **Be registered for the conference**
- Chances increase if you are presenting . . . **submit a research abstract! Apply to be a mentor (postdocs)**
- Make sure you put SACNAS-MIT as your chapter

ARE YOU A SACNAS CHAPTER MEMBER?: \*

☒ YES

☐ NO

CHAPTER FULL NAME :

SACNAS-MIT

If you are a current SACNAS Chapter member, indicate your chapter name.