



## 2023 Medicinal and Bioorganic Chemistry Foundation Student Travel Fellowships

The Foundation will next sponsor the 16<sup>th</sup> Winter Conference on Medicinal and Bioorganic Chemistry, which will be held in the Steamboat Grand Hotel, Steamboat Springs, Colorado from Sunday January 29th to Thursday February 2nd, 2023. As in previous conferences in this series, the 16<sup>th</sup> Winter Conference will bring together industrial and academic scientists from across the chemistry-medicine continuum and will be focused on drug discovery and development.

The Foundation will be providing partial support for research active undergraduate students and graduate students to attend the 2023 Conference. ***Students who are carrying out research on either medicinal chemistry or pharmaceutical facing synthetic organic chemistry are encouraged to apply.*** All Fellowship recipients will be required to present the results of their own research in the Conference poster session. At that time, representatives of the Board will judge the scientific quality of the posters. The top undergraduate and graduate student poster presenters will receive cash prizes.

The Board of the Foundation will evaluate all applications and award up to 15 fellowships. **Fellowship support includes \$1,500 to support the student's travel and lodging, in addition to full coverage of registration fees.** Students must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in North America. The Foundation seeks to support a diverse cohort of MBCF Scholars and to provide them with the opportunity to meet and interact with chemists from industry and academia.

### Application Procedure

To ensure that all interested students get a chance to apply, we are changing the application process this year. ***Students are invited to apply directly to us,*** if they fulfill the following criteria:

- GPA > 3.4
- Experience working in a research laboratory
- Enough individual intellectual contribution for a poster

Applications must consist of the following:

- Transcript (Unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- Curriculum Vitae (recommended 1-2 pages)
- Research summary (prepared by applicant; 1 page maximum; font 11)
- Letter of recommendation from the research mentor (to be emailed directly by the mentor to [maria.chiriac@merck.com](mailto:maria.chiriac@merck.com) and [philippe.nantermet@merck.com](mailto:philippe.nantermet@merck.com) with the email subject lastname firstname letter (example: Smith Sarah letter)

Since we are expecting a higher volume of applications with the same staffing as before, ***incomplete applications or applications from students who do not meet the criteria will not be reviewed.***

Nominations must be submitted by 11:59pm (Eastern Standard Time) on October 14th, 2022. The nomination materials should be sent as a single PDF file to [maria.chiriac@merck.com](mailto:maria.chiriac@merck.com) and

[philippe\\_nantermet@merck.com](mailto:philippe_nantermet@merck.com) . Please use the subject lastname firstname application (example: Smith Sarah application) and name the file as lastname-firstname-school.pdf (example: Smith-Sarah-UMich.pdf).

All fellowship recipients will be notified early-December 2022.