EARLY CAREER SCHOLAR AWARD
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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PURPOSE:

The *Early Career Scholars Travel Award* supports attendance at SSEC Conferences by doctoral students in good academic standing and early career faculty (including post-docs and pre-tenure faculty) in the fields of social science education and related disciplines. SSEC will select three Early Career Scholars for awards of up to **[amount to be determined]** of travel reimbursement each (receipts required) plus a waiver of the conference fee.

Note: For papers with multiple authors, only the lead author may be considered for the Early Career Scholar award.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Submit a written statement (limit 500 words; PDF or Word document) by the nominee that speaks to the following:

- the nominee's interest in the upcoming SSEC conference theme;
- the nominee's focus area and professional goals that lead them to want to participate in the SSEC conference;
- what the nominee envisions as their own future contributions to SSEC;
- the potential positive impact the travel will have on the nominee;
- a statement of commitment to submit a presentation proposal.

Doctoral students should also include a statement from their faculty advisor to indicate that they are in good academic standing and making sufficient progress toward degree completion.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Merit of travel intention letter (how it addresses the five criteria).
- Extra weight is given to the potential positive impact the travel award will have on the applicant.
- A presentation proposal must be made in order to receive the award.
- To be considered for possible chapter publication, a strong connection to the conference theme.
- Overall quality.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Eligible applicants must be doctoral students or early career faculty (including post-docs and pre-tenure faculty) in the fields of social science education and related disciplines.
- Applicants must be SSEC members at the time of application. See Membership Application.
- Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **January 15, 20XX** (consult official call for proposals when available).
- Applications are directed to ExecDirector@ssec-inc.org.
- Announcement of award recipients will be made by **March 15, 20XX** (consult official call for proposals when available).
- SSEC will mail the travel checks to the recipients upon receipt and approval of submitted travel expenses, following the SSEC Conference June 2025.