



SOUTHERN REGIONAL AQUACULTURE CENTER (SRAC) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Due by 5:00pm (CT), December 5, 2022

Conference Travel Awards for the 2023 Aquaculture America Conference

The USDA-NIFA Southern Regional Aquaculture Center solicits responses from new aquaculture investigators (less than 5 years from start of career track) interested in participating in the 2023 Aquaculture America Conference (AA23). SRAC has been awarded funds from USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) to support the attendance of individuals at AA23. The funds are to be awarded to applicants whose professional duties include research in support of commercial aquaculture in the 13-state and 2-territory region of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Virginia. Conference Travel Awards will reimburse awardees (up to \$2,000) for expenses such as: conference registration, domestic travel from the work location to the conference (ground transportation and flights), accommodations and daily meal per diem according to the Mississippi State University travel policies.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from new investigators (less than 5 years from start of career track) in SRAC's 13-state and 2-territory region. Deadline for initial consideration is December 5, 2022. Applicants are expected to be actively involved in the 2023 Aquaculture America conference in some fashion (e.g., platform or poster presentations, or organizing/leading conference sessions or workshops).

How to Respond

Applications should include (12-point font):

1. Name, position and contact details.
2. Justification of the request (250 words maximum: Explain how your attendance will benefit the Southern Region's commercial aquaculture industry. Although you may not have confirmation yet, how do you plan to be involved in AA23 (e.g., poster, presentation, or workshop title).
3. Budget (approximate): costs of ground transportation, flights, conference registration, accommodation, plus number of days per diem (MSU allows \$56/day for meals). Applicants are expected to use the cheapest air fares available.
4. Budget justification (breakdown, why are other funds not available)
5. Curriculum vitae (maximum of two single-spaced pages)

Send an electronic copy of the application in Word format to SRAC Business Manager, Kristen Thompson (k.thompson@msstate.edu) or SRAC Director, Jimmy Avery (jimmy.avery@msstate.edu) as an email attachment by **December 5, 2022**. Proposals received after that date will not be considered.