



Bischoff Graduate Professionalization Award

The Bischoff Award was established to support the professional development of graduate students in Comparative Religion. Applications can be submitted for travel to conferences or for research expenses related to an independent research project, field practicum, or thesis project. Requests for conference travel will be prioritized when students are presenting a poster or paper, or when the subject matter is related to the student's scholarly focus. Maximum award amount is \$1,000.

Eligibility

- Must be a full-time graduate student in comparative religion in good standing with a 3.0 or above grade point average.
- Eligible expenses include travel and lodging for conferences or a fieldwork project, conference registration or training/workshop fees related to a field practicum. We will also consider requests for small equipment, software, books, and supplies/expenses related to an independent research project.
- Students who received the award in previous years are welcome to apply again, but their applications may be prioritized lower than first time applicants.

Application Guidelines

- Students must apply one semester prior to the semester in which the award will be applied.
- To apply, email a pdf copy of your request letter to the scholarship coordinator at lori.diehl@wmich.edu or hand deliver it to Moore Hall, room 2004.
- The letter should be addressed to "Members of the Comparative Religion Department Scholarship Committee". In your letter, please include:
 1. The amount requested
 2. The total cost of the activity
 3. A brief description of the activity
 4. An explanation of the education value that the activity will have for you in relation to the MA or certificate program