

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

**Patricia A. Maloney Student Travel Fund Award**

**Frequency of award:** Annually

**Award Amount:** \$1,500

**Purpose:** To provide travel funds for undergraduate and graduate Chemistry and Biochemistry majors.

**Submission Deadline:** 5:00 pm on the 4th Friday in March

**Award Background:** Patricia Maloney is a senior executive in the aerospace industry, currently serving as Principal Director for Joint Operational Programs, NASA Programs Division for The Aerospace Corporation. Her various positions there have included Director of the Economics and Marketing Analysis Center, Principal Engineer for the Ground Division at the National Reconnaissance Office, and Associate Principal Director for the National Polar-Orbiting and Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS). She earned a M.B.A. at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and for the following 15 years she worked for Mobil Oil Corporation in a variety of capacities, including Worldwide Trading Coordinator and Crude Oil Operations Manager during the first Gulf War, Strategic Planning, Wholesale Marketing and Project Finance. The latter was in Singapore and Jakarta, Indonesia. In addition, Pat serves on numerous nonprofit boards and councils.

**Selection Criteria:** To provide travel and conference-related funds for Chemistry and Biochemistry majors to attend a conference in the following academic year at which he/she will deliver a verbal and/or poster presentation.

**Application Materials and Process:** Candidates must complete and submit a Patricia A. Maloney Student Travel Fund Award application, which must include the following:

1. a completed application cover page (downloaded from the Department website)
2. an unofficial transcript
3. a personal statement. The candidate's personal statement must describe the research project, the specific conference which will be attended (name of conference, location and dates) and provide a justification for why he/she should travel to a scientific conference including what career benefits will result.
4. a recommendation letter (on departmental letterhead, signed and sealed in an envelope) from the member of the Chemistry and Biochemistry faculty who is the candidate's research mentor. The letter from the faculty research mentor must address how long the candidate has been conducting research in the faculty mentor's laboratory, how many total hours, approximately, the candidate has devoted to their research and whether the candidate's research project has advanced to a stage in which travel to a meeting is appropriate.

All materials can be submitted in a single package to:  
The Patricia A. Maloney Student Travel Award Fund c/o  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
California State University, Northridge  
18111 Nordhoff Street, EH 2102  
Northridge, CA 91330-8262

Or all materials may be submitted electronically to by email to  
chemaward@csun.edu

**Selection Process:** The recipients of the annual travel awards and the amounts of the awards will be determined by a committee of at least two faculty that will be established and coordinated by the Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Science and Mathematics. The Committee will review the applications and make their recommendations to the Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the College of Science and the Dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

**Award Notification:** The Department Chair or designee will send award letters to the recipient and arrange for Award Certificates either to be mailed or handed in person at the Departmental Awards Ceremony, which occurs near spring commencement and at which the recipient will be announced and honored.

**Award Disbursement:** Awardees will not receive their monetary award until a thank-you letter to the donor has been submitted to the College Director of Development. Award recipients must also be willing to meet with the award donor or designee. Please note this award will be given after the identified proposed travel has taken place and function as a reimbursement of actual expenses (up to the award amount \$1500) to the student.