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GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

SPECIALIZED TRAVEL COMMITTEE (ST)

Funding Application For Travel

Term: Fall/ 2000

Application #: _____

(Please type)

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____ Email Address: _____

Local Mailing Address: _____

Local Home Phone: _____ Local Work Phone: _____

Department: Earth & Planetary Sciences

Degree and Date Expected: Ph.D. May 2001

Check Appropriate Box: PhD/MD/JD Beginning Middle End
 Masters Beginning Middle End

Name and description of event or activity: ExxonMobil sequence stratigraphy workshop, Reno, NV, November 11-12, 2000. This is an advanced seminar on cutting-edge geoscience techniques that the sponsor companies offer free of charge to a limited number of graduate students.

Current _____ or Retroactive _____ funding sought.

Dates of Actual Travel: November 10, 2000 (to Reno) November 17 (return)

Previous Funding? _____ Yes x No. If yes, semester, year: _____ \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

EXXONMOBIL SEQUENCE STRATIGRAPHY WORKSHOP—AN ST GRANT PROPOSAL

This year, ExxonMobil is offering, free of charge, a workshop for geology graduate students on sequence stratigraphy, or the study of how changes in sea-level affect the deposition of sediments over time. This workshop will be held in Reno, Nevada, over the two days immediately prior to a professional meeting I will attend. This workshop is an outstanding opportunity for students such as myself because (1) UNM does not have the resources to teach a course such as this at this time; (2) scientists are only now beginning to apply sequence stratigraphic concepts to the rocks I study as part of my Ph.D. and related research; and (3) two potential academic employers I have contacted are interested in my ability to develop the skills taught at this workshop. Accordingly, I request Specialized Travel (ST) Grant support to attend this workshop.

The ExxonMobil sequence stratigraphy workshop will be held prior to the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA), for which I am requesting Student Research Allocations Committee (SRAC) support. However, I feel that the sequence stratigraphy workshop is an outstanding opportunity to broaden and improve my geological training. Thus, I am asking for ST support for transportation costs associated with attending this workshop, specifically, partial cost of airfare for the trip to and from Reno. This workshop, which the organizers have limited to 35 participants, promises to teach cutting edge geological techniques as practiced by professionals in the field. This will make me a better geologist, improve the analyses in my dissertation, and prepare me to teach these techniques. I can assure the reader that this is an outstanding value, as many short courses and field trips associated with the GSA annual meeting cost participants hundreds of dollars, so the sequence stratigraphic workshop is indeed a bargain.

Budget

Please note: Support for items with a single asterisk (*) are requested from SRAC, and those with a double asterisk (**) are requested from ST. Other funds will be requested from the Geological Society of America, the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, and other funding sources as appropriate.

Meeting costs:

Student member registration, Geological Society of America Annual Meeting \$90.00*

Student abstract submission, Geological Society of America Annual Meeting \$15.00*

Second abstract submission, Geological Society of America Annual Meeting \$25.00

Third abstract submitted by another graduate student, not requested here.

Travel costs:

Airfare, Albuquerque to Reno and return flight home: \$180.36**

--These flights will be booked on Delta, which outperformed Southwest, American Airlines, and America West/Continental for price.

Lodging, 10 November to 16 November (split w/others for \$27/night): \$189.00*

--Lodging is reserved at the Peppermill Hotel and Casino, one of two hotel/casinos within walking distance of the Reno Convention center. All cheaper accommodations are farther from the convention center and will require use of rental cars, taxis, and airport shuttles. Furthermore, continental breakfast is included in the charges. Thus, this is the cheapest available lodging, especially as it will be split with others some nights.

Per diem:

\$22.50/day for 7 days (UNM graduate student standard) \$157.50

Presentation costs:

2 rolls 35 mm slide film & development \$35.00

Total budget: \$691.86

Total amount requested from ST: \$180.36