The Jackson School of Geosciences at The University of Texas at Austin, with support from the National Science Foundation, offers up to $1,250 travel assistance to help students and early career researchers (ECR) to attend the 2025 North American Workshop on Critical Mineral Research, Development, and Education. The workshop will be held in the Thompson Conference Center on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin (Austin, Texas, USA) on 13-14 August 2025.

 Assistance will be given to as many students and ECRs as possible, with priority given to participants with oral presentations or posters. Travel grants are restricted to applicants from US institutions. Students must be enrolled in an academic department and have a faculty member certify their active student status. ECRs include postdoctoral fellows and Assistant Professors. If the available funding exceeds student and ECR travel assistance requests, other participants may be considered for travel support.

Applicants must provide a reasonable expense estimate below. The workshop registration fee (excluding the workshop dinner and other activities) will be waived for all travel grant recipients and therefore should not be included in the budget. Expenses must not exceed $1,250. Allowable expenses include transport (airfare, rental car, mileage), accommodation, and per diems (for meals not included with the workshop). Students must have a faculty member certify their active student status. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Travel assistance will be awarded after the workshop**. Participants will have 14 days from the last day of the workshop to provide documentation of attendance and presentation to receive their travel grant (i.e., $1,250 maximum or actual cost if less). If reimbursement requests are not submitted by the deadline, no reimbursements will be made. The procedure for providing the documentation (e.g., travel receipts) will be announced during the workshop. No funds will be made available prior to the workshop.

**Submit this application form via email by May 30, 2024 (US Central Time) to:**

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The University of Texas at Austin
Email: Locmelis@jsg.utexas.edu

**Applicant Information**

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated travel expenses: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty certification (students only):**

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is currently enrolled in our department and in good standing.

Name of faculty member (print and sign): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly summarize how attendance at the workshop will enhance your career plans (less than 250 words).**

**Budget Justification**

**Intend to present at the workshop?**

Yes / No

**If yes, what mode is preferred?**

Oral / poster

**Abstract for oral / poster presentation (no more than 300 words).**

**Attach CV (no more than 2 pages).**