

# Pass the Mic

## The Dirt Podcast



*The Dirt Podcast* is pleased to announce Pass the Mic, a competitive grants program designed for student scholars who might not otherwise be able to attend conferences and present original research. Grants will be issued in the budgeted amount submitted with the application, up to a **maximum of \$1,000 USD**. The grant is intended to provide the grantee with sufficient funding to attend a conference for presentation of original research and access to networking opportunities, without placing financial strain on the individual.

Eligible expenses include:

- Conference registration
- Travel (e.g., airfare, train fare, or public transit)
- Lodging
- Meals and incidental expenses
- Local transit (e.g., airport transfers, from lodging to venue)
- Printing services for posters

Students who have received other small grants or awards, but lack the funds to cover remaining anticipated conference expenses, are especially encouraged to apply. Confirmed or pending funding should be indicated in the application, but an applicant's funding status will not be a criterion for selection.

Selected Pass the Mic Grantees must:

- Be current undergraduate or graduate students
- Be students of anthropology, archaeology, history, or related field
- Intend to present original research at a professional academic conference
- Receive confirmation of acceptance of their paper or poster prior to receipt of funds (this is not a prerequisite for application!)
- Demonstrate actionable strategies for sharing research via public outreach, science communication, or other content created for broad, non-specialist audiences
- Consent to their work being featured on *The Dirt Podcast*, either via an interview or citation of their work in a script recorded by the hosts

Additionally, applications are encouraged from:

- First-time conference attendees
- Researchers with a heritage or descendant community connection to their subject of focus
- Applicants of identities that remain underrepresented or marginalized in academia
- Students of non-traditional age, are first-generation and/or from working class or low income backgrounds

The first application cycle is open July 1 - August 26, 2022 and is Intended for those applying to present at AAA, ASOR, AIA, SHA and other conferences scheduled between October 2022 and March 2023. Learn more and apply at:

[thedirtpod.com/passthemic](https://thedirtpod.com/passthemic)