

AMS-Simons Travel Grants Committee

General Description

- Committee is standing
- Number of members is 16, appt. by President
- Term is three years

Charge

The committee processes applications for and selects awardees of the AMS-Simons travel grants.

Principal Activities

For the evaluation process, the plan is to assemble a panel of 16 mathematicians. Each application will be briefly considered by at least two panelists. Some applicants will clearly be strong enough that they will be classified immediately as award winners, without further review, and others so weak as to be put aside. The remaining applications will be distributed to groups of four panelists, who will determine the remaining award winners.

Applications are due on March 31. Most of the work of this committee will be done shortly after that, over the course of the next six weeks: roughly April 1 - May 15. The applications themselves are relatively short (e.g., research statements are limited to 2.5 pages).

Other Activities

In 2013 The Council adopted the following general principle:

For any program, fellowship, prize or award that has a maximum period of eligibility after receipt of the doctoral degree, the selection committee may use discretion in making exceptions to the limit on eligibility for candidates whose careers have been interrupted for reasons such as family or health.

Miscellaneous Information

The AMS-Simons Travel Grants are based upon a generous grant from the Simons Foundation. Each grant provides a early career mathematician with \$2000 per year for two years to reimburse travel expenses related to research, Sixty new awards will be made annually over the next three years. Individuals who are not more than four years past completion of a Ph.D. are eligible. The department of the awardee will also receive a small amount of funding to help enhance the research atmosphere there.

It is expected that work can be accomplished by regular mail, electronic mail, and telephone. Miscellaneous expenses as such are reimbursed.

Note to the Chair

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, of the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement, accommodations, and meals for guests of any kind fall within these budgets.

Work done by committees on recurring problems may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that a copy of every sheet of paper should be deposited (say once a year) in this central file. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

Authorization

04/2011 Council Minutes, Item 3.2

01/2013 Council Minutes, Item 4.6.1

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Past Members

A list of current and past members is available here:

<http://www.ams.org/about-us/governance/committees/simons-past.html>

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