

## Digital Finance CRC Affiliated Student Conference Travel Grant: Guidelines

### PURPOSE

Digital Finance CRC (DFCRC) launched its Affiliated Researchers Program in early 2025. The **Affiliated Student Conference Travel Grant** is a new addition to this program, which aims to provide financial assistance to PhD Students who have been accepted into the Affiliated Researchers Program for presenting their research findings in-person at significant national or international conferences, workshops, or symposia. This support is an important offering that encourages academic development, research dissemination, professional networking, and the advancement and promotion of digital finance research.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this grant, applicants must:

- Be currently enrolled as a DFCRC Affiliated PhD Student, meaning a current PhD student that has been accepted by DFCRC into the Affiliated Researchers Program and is not receiving a monetary scholarship from DFCRC.
- Have had their research paper officially accepted for presentation in-person at a recognised national or international conference or academic event relevant to digital finance.
- Be in good academic standing with their home institution.
- Not have received a DFCRC Travel Grant in the 12 months prior to the start date of the conference.

### FUNDING

The grant amount is \$1000 for a domestic conference and \$3000 for an international conference. Funds provided may cover the following types of expenses:

- Conference registration fees
- Airfare
- Accommodation expenses
- Ground transportation expenses related to conference attendance

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Affiliated Student's must submit an application using the [DFCRC Affiliated Student Travel Grant application form](#), with the following information:

- A current CV
- Conference name, date and location
- Evidence of acceptance to present (email or letter from the conference organisers)
- A copy of the accepted paper for presentation
- Brief statement outlining the relevance of the conference to the applicant's research and academic development
- Brief statement of support from the student's principal supervisor

Applications must be submitted at least six weeks prior to the conference start date.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Given the significance of this Grant, applications will be assessed based on:

- The quality and significance of the accepted paper
- Relevance and prestige of the conference or event
- Potential impact of attendance on the applicant's research and professional growth

## GRANT CONDITIONS

As part of the Grant conditions, successful recipients must:

- Participate in the conference in-person as described in their application
- Provide a brief email to DFCRC summarising their participation and key outcomes within one month after the conference
- Follow the guidelines provided by DFCRC if referencing DFCRC at the conference or via social media
- If the student is unable to attend the conference in-person after receiving the grant funds, including if the conference is to be attended virtually, the student must:
  - Advise DFCRC immediately in writing
  - Refund the grant amount to DFCRC in full, regardless of any unrecoverable costs incurred, within 10 days of the cancellation or change of the student's plans

## **APPROVAL AND NOTIFICATION**

The DFCRC Affiliated Researchers Program Committee will evaluate all applications and successful applicants will be notified by email. Successful applicants must complete a Grant Funding Form in order to facilitate payment.

For any further inquiries, please contact [education@dfcrc.com](mailto:education@dfcrc.com).