

PSI CHI - UBC CHAPTER

EICH UNDERGRADUATE TRAVEL AWARD (EUTA)

What is the EUTA?

The EUTA is a research-based award designed to financially support current undergraduate members of Psi Chi (UBC Chapter) who are working (or have worked) in a research lab at or associated with UBC. The research need not be conducted in the Psychology Department but the work must be presented at a psychology-related conference.

What does the EUTA offer?

The EUTA provides \$200-\$400 to defray costs associated with presenting research at a conference. These funds may be used to pay for the conference's abstract fee, conference registration, hotel, and/or flight costs. The funds will be awarded to the student in the form of reimbursement after the travel has occurred and once detailed proof of payment is provided. The amount of each EUTA and the total number awarded annually will vary based on current funding levels. In addition to the financial award, students will also receive a certificate and will be officially recognized at our annual induction ceremony.

Who is eligible?

Current undergraduate members of Psi Chi (UBC Chapter) who are working (or have worked) in a UBC-affiliated research lab seeking to attend a psychology-related national or international conference requiring funding for travel expenses. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please consult the application details outlined below and/or UBC Psi Chi directly at psichi@psych.ubc.ca.

Note: Winners of the EUTA can win any other chapter award offered in the same year. If a suitable candidate is not identified in a given year, the award may not be given.

Celebrating the achievements of Dr. Eric Eich

We are proud that our travel award bears the name of Dr. Eric Eich. Dr. Eich is a Distinguished University Scholar and Professor Emeritus of Psychology at UBC, and is also a member of the Royal Society of Canada. He has defined excellence in the domains of teaching and research. As Department Head, he worked tirelessly to make Psychology an even better place for our undergraduates. Dr. Eich has been a member of Psi Chi since 1973.

How are the applications processed?

Submitted applications will be processed by a committee of UBC Psychology members, including the Psi Chi Chapter advisor, as well as the UBC Psi Chi Co-Presidents and Vice President Internal. The selection criteria will be based on the quality of the submitted materials.

Please note that preference will be given to students who are (1) first author on their poster, (2) have never presented at a scientific conference, (3) are senior students, (4) aim to pursue graduate or professional studies, (5) are presenting at a conference outside of BC, (6) would not be able to present their research without financial assistance, and/or (7) have applied for other forms of funding to support conference costs.

To be considered for this award, you must submit the following by emailing UBC's Chapter of Psi Chi International Honor Society at psichi@psych.ubc.ca with the subject line "EUTA Award Application: [Your Name]":

List of required materials:

1. The completed EUTA Application form (attached below)

2. Supplemental materials

- (a) Title, list of authors and abstract for the research project
- (b) A paragraph about how the research contributes to scientific knowledge in your field and the importance of attending this conference with regard to your future academic plans
- (c) A paragraph or list explaining the expenses you expect (e.g., fees, travel)
- (d) A current, up-to-date academic resume (CV)

Limit: 2 pages (12pt Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing) for parts A-C

3. Official correspondence from the conference and faculty advisor

- (a) A letter stating that your poster abstract has been officially approved or a confirmation letter stating that your poster abstract has been submitted, AND
- (b) A very brief letter from your faculty advisor stating that you have received his/her approval to present this research. It must be on **official letterhead** and **signed**.

Eich Undergraduate Travel Award (EUTA) Application Form

UBC Chapter of Psi Chi

Applicant Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email address: _____ UBC Student ID: _____

Standing and expected year of graduation (ie. 4th year, Spring 2023): _____

When did you join UBC's Chapter of Psi Chi (ie. Spring 2021): _____

Conference Information:

Name of organization hosting the conference: _____

Date and location of the conference: _____

Research Supervisor Information:

Name of research supervisor: _____ Position: _____

Email address: _____

Application Checklist:

- _____ 1. Complete Application form (this form)
- _____ 2. Attach supplemental material (abstract, budget, conference/research statement, CV)
- _____ 3. Provide correspondence from conference and faculty advisor

By signing below, I confirm that I meet the requirements listed to be eligible for the EUTA. I understand that if I am awarded a EUTA, I must conduct my conference travel in 2022/2023 and I must furnish detailed receipts to be eligible for reimbursement. Any intentional misrepresentation of the information in this packet will result in immediate disqualification of the award.

Signature: _____ Date: _____