

## Travel Award Rubric

**General description:** Travel Awards to attend our annual meeting are available to postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students. Applicants must be SBN trainee members and be first author on an abstract to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

**Application materials:** A brief description (< 300 words) of the project to be presented at the meeting that highlights 1) the results, 2) its significance to behavioral neuroendocrinology and 3) your contribution to the project. A short justification (125 words or less) regarding the need for financial assistance to attend the meeting, including an explanation of other available funds.

A letter of recommendation from the faculty advisor is also required. The letter must indicate that the faculty advisor does not have funds to provide support for the trainee's travel to the Annual Meeting of the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.

**Distribution of awards:** Typically ten \$500 awards are available. Goal is to award travel funds to 35% of applicants in each category (undergrad, grad, postdoc) especially for applicants with clear financial need.

Please assign a score, using whole numbers, for each candidate for each category	Max Score:
<b>Project descriptor:</b>	
Project description clearly states the research question, the rationale behind the question, the results of the study, and its implications.	20
Project addresses a substantial question in the field of behavioral neuroendocrinology with appropriate methods. Results advance knowledge regarding the question.	20
Applicant's contribution to the project is clearly stated. Applicant had a major intellectual role in designing, conducting, and interpreting the results of the study.	15
<b>Financial Need:</b>	
Applicant's description of financial need is compelling.	10
Advisor's description of financial need is compelling.	10
<b>Strengths of applicant:</b>	
Strengths of applicant based on letter: consider applicant traits such as curious, has new ideas, is intellectually involved (contributes more than just technical assistance), shows a demonstrated commitment to the lab/research (e.g., reliable, responsible, takes initiative, etc.)	25