

NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award

Purpose & Overview

The NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award is designed to support students and early-career researchers who may not otherwise have the means to attend professional biomechanics conferences. This award provides financial assistance (provide free or reimbursed early-bird registration) to individuals from a wide range of academic and geographic backgrounds, particularly those with limited access to funding or professional development opportunities.

ASB anticipates awarding approximately 10 travel awards.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be a student (undergraduate, graduate) or early-career professional within five years of degree completion.
- Demonstrate financial need or receive minimal institutional funding support.
- Come from an institution or region with fewer resources for biomechanics-related travel and research.
- Show a strong commitment to advancing biomechanics through research, outreach, mentorship, or education.

Both ASB members and non-members are eligible to apply, and individuals at any stage of their training are eligible.

Application Criteria

The application for the NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award must include the following information and reviewed for specific criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Number of Pages
Applicant information (including all that apply): name, address (include country), email, degree expected, program, institution, and academic advisor name and email. • Keywords that describe your current or future research interests	1 page single-spaced

<p>Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the individual circumstances (if any) that give you priority in receiving the NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award. • Describe your experience and interest in biomechanics. • How does ASB’s mission & vision (as stated above and on our web site) fit in with your personal experiences, goals, and future plans? • How will being a 2025 ASB NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award recipient augment your opportunities at your home institution, and how do you plan to leverage this opportunity once you return home from the conference? • For faculty/investigators: If you receive the travel award, how would it help with promoting professional development opportunities in ASB and promoting biomechanics at your institution? Please list specific objectives and give a corresponding timeline. <p>o Please include a current CV (not counted towards page limits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For student applicants: Please describe your future plans and how they may involve biomechanics. In addition, please provide a resume including cumulative/major GPA, general coursework, education/employment/volunteering history (not counted towards page limits) 	<p>2 pages single-spaced</p>
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Standard-size paper (8.5” x 11”) should be used, with margins of no less than 0.5 inch using Arial 11-point font. Not following the above guidelines may result in disqualification.

Application components should be combined into a single PDF file for transmission. Please name the PDF file NGB2025_LastNameFM (where FM are the first and middle name initials.)

Expectations

All recipients will be given contact information for an assigned mentor and will be encouraged to communicate with them before, during, and after the conference. Those receiving a NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award are encouraged to attend the ***Bridges in Biomechanics Luncheon*** (Date/Time TBD). During the pre-conference discussion, mentors will explain how the conference “works” to the recipient so they can be prepared. In addition, ASB NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award winners may be invited to participate in the planning and running of

the 2025 annual meeting and future ASB meetings at the discretion of the program chair. Following the meeting, recipients are asked to report back to ASB regarding the experience by February 28, 2026. Recipients should report on what they accomplished at the meeting and following their return to their home institution as a result of the travel award. We expect that these reports will be publicly distributed in ASB newsletters or on the ASB website at the discretion of the ASB Diversity Committee & Communications Chairs. Priority in who receives an ASB NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award will be given to those individuals who have not previously received this award. The deadline for submission of ASB NextGen Biomechanics Travel Award applications is ***May 31, 2025, at 5 PM ET.***

Questions and applications can be submitted electronically to the ASB Diversity Committee Chair (asbdiversity@asbweb.org). An evaluation committee selected by the ASB Diversity Committee will review applications, with announcements of awards expected by June, 2025.