

2026 SAFRIG Diversity Travel Award for HBCU and Global South Scholars

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG) is pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of two participants at the annual conference to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina.

One award is reserved for a participant associated with an HBCU (or an organization located in and serving primarily Black communities), while a second is reserved for a participant associated with a Global South college or university (or an organization located in and serving primarily Global South communities).

These awards will be awarded on a competitive basis and are meant to assist participants in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting. Each awardee will receive an amount of \$500. Applicants will be assessed based on financial need and the potential beneficence of conference participation to career development. The submission deadline is **May 15th, 2026**.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

To be eligible for the award, an applicant must be:

- ☒ An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper, participating on a panel, or presenting a poster on research.
- ☒ Presenting on a SAFRIG-related topic. The applicant does not need to be a SAFRIG member but we encourage applicants to join the RIG.
- ☒ Able to fund their conference travel upfront, as the award will be presented at the RSS meeting.

To apply, an applicant must submit:

- ☒ A completed [SAFRIG Diversity Travel Award Application](#)