



## Call for student travel grants to the Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals!

The American Cetacean Society-Puget Sound Chapter (ACS/PS) (<https://www.acspugetsound.org/index.php>) would like to once again solicit submissions for undergraduate and graduate student travel grants to the Society for Marine Mammalogy's **26th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals** (San Juan, Puerto Rico, 19-23 October 2026).

**Two** student travel grants (each USD 1,000) will be selected from all eligible applications received by **Friday, 24 April 2026**.

### Qualifications to apply:

1. Currently enrolled as a student at a recognized academic institution (student academy, university, or field school) within Washington State, USA. We will consider applications from 2025 graduates (SMM Conference off year).
2. Be first author on an accepted oral or poster presentation focusing on cetaceans.
3. Register for the conference by the early registration deadline as a student ([www.marinemammalscience.org](http://www.marinemammalscience.org)).
4. If selected for a travel grant, please obtain ACS membership (either affiliate with or join the **Puget Sound Chapter**) Application for membership to ACS may be completed at the following website: <https://www.acsonline.org/membership>

### To apply:

1. Submit a title and abstract with proof of acceptance to the SMM conference.
2. Provide your name and school/organization affiliation.
3. E-mail your application to: [acspsgrant@acspugetsound.org](mailto:acspsgrant@acspugetsound.org)

Note: As an awardee, you will be invited to provide a summary of your poster/spoken presentation to be posted on the ACS/PS website and social media platforms. You will also be invited to give a presentation on your research at a future ACS/PS monthly general meeting.

**The application period closes Friday, 24 April 2026 (11:59pm PDT)!**

Notification of travel grant awardees will be emailed by end of day:  
**8 May 2026.**

For questions or to submit your application, contact Dr. Stephanie Norman, ACS/PS Grants Chair: [acspsgrant@acspugetsound.org](mailto:acspsgrant@acspugetsound.org)