

Jain Studies Travel Grants

About

The Jain Studies Travel Grants, funded through the generosity of Manish Mehta, are awarded to scholars who are scheduled to present a Jain Studies paper at the AAR November Annual Meeting. The grants offset travel costs associated with attending that year's meeting: registration fees, travel, accommodation, and meals up to \$800 for domestic participants and up to \$1,200 for international participants. The grants are awarded on a competitive basis. To be eligible, applicants must be presenting a paper at the Annual Meeting that deals substantially with Jainism and Jain Studies as an academic discipline. Applicants need not be participating in a panel sponsored by the Jain Studies Unit.

Criteria

- Current AAR membership at the time of application and throughout the grant period.
- Accepted Jain Studies paper presentation for the AAR November Annual Meeting.
- Lack of access to sufficient institutional or external funding.

Applicants cannot be awarded more than one travel grant in a particular year.

Deadline

September 25, 2026

How to Apply

Applicants must submit an application statement and the required materials to Ana Bajzelj (abajzelj@ucr.edu) and/or Gregory Clines (gclines@trinity.edu), the co-chairs of the Jain Studies Unit.

Application Requirements

- Application Statement
- Current CV

Applicants must provide the following information in the application statement:

- Brief bio including name and institutional affiliation
- Description of field of study/program and research interests
- Expiration date of current AAR membership (click [here](#) to log into your member profile and view the expiration date)
- Description of current membership status
- Abstract as submitted/published in Annual Meeting Program

- Statement of financial need that describes the estimated costs to attend the AAR November Annual Meeting (including registration fees, travel, accommodation, and meals)
- Any institutional or external travel support available to the applicant
- Any additional information the applicant deems relevant to their application for the travel grant (not to exceed 150 words)

Winner Notification and Expectations

- The co-chairs of the Jain Studies Unit select the grant winners.
- Notification of application status will be made by the middle of October.
- The grantees must submit receipts for expenses.
- By January 31 of the following calendar year, the grantees must submit an expense report along with a detailed report about their contributions to the AAR November Annual Meeting and the benefits of Annual Meeting attendance for their scholarship and vocation.
- Awards will be processed by the Jain Education and Research Foundation. Wire transfer fees will be deducted from the awarded amount.