



# DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

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## Graduate Student Travel Support Application

**Applicant:** A. Grad Student

**Position/Title:** MFA Graduate Assistant

**Destination(s):** St. Louis, MO

**Dates of Travel:** 3/7/2017 - 3/11/2017

**Name of Conference, Meeting, Showcase, etc:** USITT

**Session Title, Performance/Exhibition Name, etc:** Oh the Places You'll Go! Life After Undergrad

**Brief Project Description:** The United State Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) 57th Annual Conference is the largest and most regarded technical theatre conference in the United States this year. At the 2017 Conference in St. Louis, MO I will be presenting a workshop entitled "Oh the Places You'll Go! Life after Undergrad" aimed at showcasing the various options undergraduate theatre technicians have immediately following their graduation. I hold the perspective of having attended graduate school immediately following my graduation from undergrad. Other perspectives include those that went into nonprofit work, professional theatre work, and other work outside of the theatrical realm. Our presentation can impact numerous undergraduate students and their educators.

Being able to present a workshop at USITT while still attending graduate school at MSU is an outstanding opportunity for me as a student and as an educator. The networking capabilities of this conference has been proven time and time again by educators and professionals in the theatre community. Attending the conference opens doors for myself and for Michigan State University that cannot come to fruition in any other manner. I will be able to sit down with some of the best theatrical technicians in the world and discuss matters that effect the future of the industry. I will also be given the opportunity to learn newly emerging industry skill sets from other presenters at the conference. This is an invaluable experience that no theatre educator would allow themselves to miss out on.

**Total Anticipated Expenses:** \$1200.25

### Itemized Budget (Registration, Travel, Lodging, M&IE Rate, etc.):

Conference Registration: \$250.00

Four Nights at Marriot St. Louis Grand Hotel: \$797.21 (Cost split with Fellow Design MFA = \$398.60)

498 Miles from MSU to Hotel @ \$0.54 per mile: \$268.92 (Cost split with Fellow Design MFA = \$134.46)

Parking Cost @ \$20 per day: \$80.00 (Cost split with Fellow Design MFA = \$40)

Return Trip of 497 Miles @ \$0.54 per mile: \$268.38 (Cost split with Fellow Design MFA = \$134.19)

Per Diem: (\$54.00 \* 3 = \$162.00) + (\$40.50 \* 2 = \$81.00) = \$243.00

(<https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>; 75% for travel days)

### Other Sources of Support (Please denote: Anticipated or Secured):

\$300 from Council of Graduate Students (Secured)

College of Arts and Letters Travel Fund (Anticipated)

MSU Graduate School Travel Fund: (Anticipated)

*Notification of "Acceptance to Present" must be attached to application.*