The Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) Special Interest Group Exploring Diversity in Technology’s History (EDITH) announces its conference grant program for 2022. The EDITH Conference Support Awards are designed to defray costs associated with participating in the SHOT annual meeting, which may include travel, lodging, meals, and other incidental expenses. Eligibility is open to individuals giving a paper at the 2022 SHOT annual meeting in New Orleans.

EDITH was founded in 2012 with the dual aims of supporting scholars and scholarship currently underrepresented in the history of technology and at SHOT. EDITH works toward incorporating insights from the fields of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and disability studies – and growing attention to the intersectionality of such categories – into the scholarship of the history of technology and providing an intellectual home within SHOT to a broad range of scholars.

The EDITH Conference Support Award prioritizes promoting the participation of: presenters with incomplete funding from other sources, presenters who are new to SHOT, graduate students, presenters belonging to any group underrepresented in SHOT, and scholars whose paper seeks to provoke analysis of difference, diversity, power, alterity, intersectionalities, etc. in the history of technology. Preference will be given to those who have not received funding from EDITH in recent years.

EDITH awards will range from $350 to $400, with the possibility of additional funds depending on an applicant’s stated need, the number of applications, and EDITH’s resources. These grants will be presented in the form of a check at the annual meeting, with recognition at the EDITH luncheon meeting.

To apply for the EDITH Conference Support Award, please fill out an application form and attach the following documents: an abstract of your proposed paper, evidence that it has been accepted by the SHOT program committee, and a one-page curriculum vitae. All application materials should be sent to Lisa Ruth Rand at rand@caltech.edu. The application deadline is September 30, 2022 (decisions by mid-October). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Ruth Rand (rand@caltech.edu), EDITH Convener Prasad Venugopal (venugoep@udmercy.edu), or EDITH Treasurer Nina Lerman (lermanne@whitman.edu).

We encourage applicants to apply for other travel grants if eligible, as funding from more than one source can sometimes be combined. For information on additional grants and awards available to support travel to the SHOT annual meeting, including those offered by Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and the newly established REDI Travel Grant, see: https://www.historyoftechnology.org/about-us/travel-grants

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