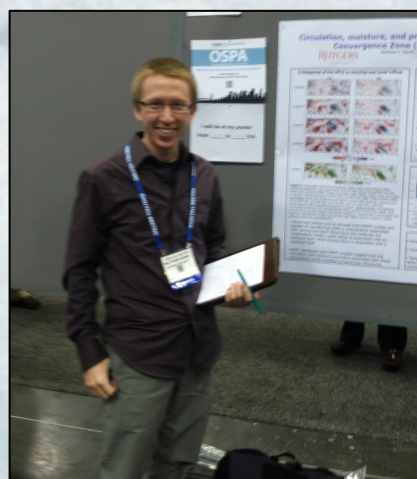


GPAS Travel Fund 2013-2014



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In 2013-2014, six students from the Rutgers Graduate Program in Atmospheric Science—Ross Alter, Allison Marquardt Collow, Tom Collow, Caroline Farkas, Matt Niznik, and Lili Xia—were each awarded \$500 to offset travel expenses for participation in two annual conferences, the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting, held in December 2013 in San Francisco, CA, and the American Meteorological Society's Annual Meeting, held in February 2014 in Atlanta, GA. Attendance to these conferences—arguably the premier American conferences in atmospheric/climate science—afforded our students opportunities to present their latest research findings, to network with an international community of scientists, and to experience two great American cities. We wish to express our gratitude to the donor who provided these funds, which are especially valuable in light of economic conditions that have drastically reduced institutional support for student travel.



"Attending and presenting my work at the AGU 2013 Fall Meeting was an invaluable experience... I am very grateful that the GPAS travel grant was available to help defray the cost of my trip to San Francisco."—*Matt Niznik*

"During the meeting in San Francisco, I met several potential collaborators with whom I hope to work in the future... During my poster presentation... I got many helpful comments to improve my work."—*Lili Xia*



"I had the honor of presenting my work in a 15 minute presentation and... I received great feedback about my project that will help me continue forward... Meeting other scientists in my field at AGU has already helped to build new collaborations."—*Caroline Farkas*

"I gave two presentations [at the AMS meeting] on my doctorate research. I was also able to attend several talks to advance my knowledge in the field... and was able to network for potential career opportunities after my graduation."—*Tom Collow*

