Types of VRA Travel Awards

There are several options available for financial assistance to support conference attendance:

Full awards: These will include:

- The Kathe Hicks Albrecht award of $850, for a first-time VRA Conference attendee.
- Two New Horizons awards of from $700 to $850 each, earmarked for applicants in one or more of the following categories: first-time conferee, solo, part-time, or geographically isolated practitioner.
- Tansey awards ranging from $400-$700 each. These awards are intended for applicants with insufficient (or no) institutional support from their employer or academic program. Amounts will be awarded according to demonstrated need.

Partial support awards: These will include:

- The New Horizons student award of $300, for a full-time student enrolled in an accredited degree program and considering a career in visual resources.
- The Garneta E. Taormina Memorial Student Travel Award of $300, for a full-time graduate student enrolled in an accredited degree program and considering a career in visual resources and/or digital humanities.
- Tansey Top-Up awards ranging from $250-$300 each. These awards are intended for applicants who have demonstrated need for only partial support on top of other funding (typically from employers or graduate programs). Amounts will be awarded according to demonstrated need.

Students are eligible for awards beyond the two designated student awards.

For the 2019 conference held this past spring in Los Angeles, the Travel Awards Committee gave out a total of thirteen awards: three awards of $700-$850, four awards of $500-$600, six Top-up awards of $250-$300, and one student award of $300. Note that starting in 2011, Full and Top-up awards were merged into Tansey awards with flexible amounts ranging from $250-$850. Watch for announcements on VRA-L about the awards available for the 2019-2020 cycle.

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