

NORC-Sponsored Travel Awards to Kern Lipid Conference 2026

**“Lipids and Lipoproteins in Cardiometabolic and Neurodegenerative Disease”
August 10-12th, 2026
Breckenridge, Colorado**

The Colorado NORC is pleased to announce **two travel awards** for **early-career NORC members** to attend the **2026 Kern Lipid Conference**. The Kern Lipid Conference (KLC) is an intimate, high-impact meeting of around 130 participants, drawing leading experts in lipid metabolism, industry scientists, and outstanding early-career investigators. Its small size provides an exceptional environment for scientific exchange, networking, and career development.

Why This Year’s Meeting Matters

Increasing evidence shows that lipid-driven mechanisms underlying metabolic disease also contribute to neurodegenerative and neurocognitive disorders. Despite these shared pathways, opportunities to explore these intersections have been limited. The 2026 KLC will directly address this gap with sessions covering:

- Hypertriglyceridemia
- Inflammation
- Lipid droplets
- ApoE biology
- Lipoprotein receptors
- Emerging technologies in lipid imaging and quantification

We welcome applications from **all early-career NORC members** whose research examines how lipids influence human disease.

Travel Award Benefits

Awardees will be expected to present a poster, give a lightning talk, and will be considered for a short oral communication at the KLC. The award will cover the cost of **registration, conference meals, accommodation and mileage**. Awardees are also expected to present their posters at the 2026 NORC Retreat scheduled for Monday, October 26th, 2026.

How to Apply

Submit your abstract to: olivia.schmidt@cuanschutz.edu

Abstracts Due: **April 17th, 2026**

Awardees Announced: **May 1st, 2026**

Abstracts will be reviewed by members of the KLC Board and 2 applicants will be selected for the award.

More Info:

KERN Lipid Conference 2026: <https://www.kernconference.org/index.html>

Colorado NORC: <https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/cunorc>

