



## **Criteria for Consideration of Grant Funding of Scholarships – Fellowships – Internships – Exchange Programs**

The ISPRS Council will, from time to time, at the request of the Board of Trustees, set priorities for the Board to determine allocation of grants for the specific categories within the benevolent goals of the ISPRS Foundation. The ISPRS Foundation Board of Trustees (TIF) will consider applications for grants to support individuals in advancing their career in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial (P&RS&SI) sciences to the benefit the ISPRS community. This document provides the context and procedures that apply to those seeking grant funding. Applicants should elaborate their qualifications for participation in one of the following four (4) categories:

### **Scholarships and Fellowships**

Grants to support Graduate student and Postdoctoral applicants have a maximum annual value (stipend plus benefits) of US\$ 5,000. The goal of these grants is to stimulate young scientists to direct their careers toward fundamental studies in the fields of the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information sciences. Applicants are responsible for choosing the host institution and a mentor for their research. A letter of agreement from the proposed mentor must be submitted with the application. Graduate student opportunities are made for applicants who will have received their undergraduate degree not more than two years prior to the application. Postdoctoral Fellowship opportunities are made for scientists who will have received their doctoral degree not more than four years prior to the application. The grant is awarded to the applicant for one year. The grant may be renewed for a second year upon receipt of a satisfactory education report from the host institution, contingent on availability of TIF funds.

### **Internships and Exchange Programs**

Grants for internships, sabbaticals and employee exchanges are offered in the form of limited matching grants to help support up to one year-long, full-time, research internship or research sabbatical for faculty at institutions offering undergraduate programs and non-PhD granting departments, or to help support mutual exchange of an employee/faculty between organizations engaged in the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information (P&RS&SI) sciences. The goal of these grants is to stimulate knowledge sharing and cooperation between international organizations by enabling outstanding young scientists to work with different technologies and peers for advancing developments and applications in the (P&RS&SI) fields. Applicants are responsible for choosing the host institution and a mentor for the internship or exchange program. A letter of agreement to provide matching support from the proposed hosting organization(s) and a letter of agreement from the proposed mentor must be submitted with the application. As this is a limited matching grant program, the grant cannot provide salary and benefits, but it can provide up to US\$ 5,000 in relocation and research expenses for an individual's sabbatical year. The grant is only available for those individuals whose home institution is located in a continent different from that of the institution where the research is proposed to be conducted.

These grants are intended to help provide year-long, full-time research experiences that will inspire and rejuvenate the awardees and their research programs. It is anticipated that participation in this program will have long-term benefits not only for the participants but also for their students and/or home institutions.

**Proposals for Scholarships, Fellowships, Internships, Exchange Program Grants shall include:**

1. Applicant name, address, e-mail, CV;
2. Official transcript of applicant's most recent year's education and class rank;
3. Proposed institution and mentor, including address, e-mail and website;
4. A statement of the applicant's educational and employment goals showing relevance to ISPRS mission and activities;
5. A full outline of projected coursework and/or job description;
6. The expected activity focus specifying its relevance to those which will be shared with ISPRS Members and the benefits foreseen in the context of ISPRS goals and aims;
7. Schedule, significant milestone dates, and a detailed budget of expenditure;
8. Funding need - applicants should show that they have no other funds or insufficient funds from other sources, to support their participation and have a demonstrated economic need for support.
9. Details of other funding that will support the activity;
10. Agreement to submit promptly to TIF Finance Officer details of all grant expenditure including all original invoices and receipts.
11. Agreement to submit to Council an annual report on achievements and value of experience;
12. A letter of support from the applicant's head of department, supervisor or other appropriate person;
13. Submissions of applications shall be sent to the ISPRS Secretary General unless otherwise stated in TIF Grant Opportunity Announcement.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals shall be submitted at least six (6) months in advance of the proposed starting date for consideration by ISPRS Council. Council recommendations for funding by TIF will be based on the following criteria:

1. The priority given to the activity category by ISPRS Council.
2. Relevance of applicant's educational and employment goals to ISPRS mission and activities;
3. Academic and/or professional performance of the applicant;
4. Impact of the sabbatical on the applicant's research and professional development and, when relevant, on the applicant's students and home institution;
5. Quality of proposed institution and mentor;
6. Regional needs for skilled, experienced professionals;
7. The funding need;
8. Impact of the sabbatical on the applicant's students and home institution;
9. Enhancement of international cooperation objectives of the ISPRS;
10. Commitment to report value of outcome for individual and hosting organization
11. The application contains all specified information.
12. The sum requested should not normally exceed US\$ 5,000 per year.

The TIF Grants Evaluation Committee will review Council's recommendation for funding on the basis of applicants qualifications, benefit to their region, and projected benefits to ISPRS community. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Trustees those applicants qualified for grant funding. If multi-year funding is requested, further funding will be contingent on satisfactory yearly reporting.