



## **Criteria for Consideration of Grant Funding of R&D Initiatives Research Initiatives – Distance Learning - Standards**

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 (TIF) Board of Trustees will consider applications for grants to undertake scientific developments and research initiatives which regionally or globally will benefit the ISPRS community. This document provides the context and procedures that apply to those seeking grant funding. Grants may be funded to a maximum of US\$ 5,000. Applicants should elaborate how their initiative in one of the following three (3) categories will advance the ISPRS mission and activities.

### **Research Initiatives**

Activities proposed by individuals or groups aimed to advance the international or regional status of the photogrammetry, remote sensing and spatial information (P&RS&SI) sciences and technologies for the benefit all ISPRS members and the user community it serves. The initiative proposed may be applied or basic research or development directed at a specific problem. Included are developments of new techniques or applications.

### **Distance Learning (E-Learning)**

An initiative or project aimed to facilitate P&RS&SI education for students at schools and institutions in the developing world. The proposal may include the creation and provision of user-friendly, pre-packaged (or live) class lectures and case studies or it may include the compilation and review of information needed as a prerequisite to a research program. The initiative may be copyrighted, but must be available for free distribution to user educational institutions by mutual agreement. .

### **Standards**

An initiative or project devoted to the development and dissemination of standards relevant to the ISPRS disciplines, sciences and technologies. The applicant must articulate the need for specific standard(s) and propose a collaborative group process for achieving its development. Only 20% of the grant may be allocated by TIF for travel.

### **Proposals for Research Initiatives, Distance Learning, or Standards Grants shall include:**

1. Activity or project title;
2. PI name, address, e-mail, vitae;
3. A statement of the purposes of the funding, showing relevance to ISPRS Commissions or other activities pertinent to the ISPRS mission (See ISPRS Statutes.);
4. A full project outline, including scope, participants, form of final product;
5. The expected outcomes specifying those which will be shared with ISPRS Members and the benefits foreseen in the context of ISPRS mission and activities;
6. Project milestones, schedule, and a detailed budget of expenditure;
7. 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;
8. Agreement to submit promptly to TIF Finance Officer details of all grant expenditure including all original invoices and receipts;
9. Agreement to submit to Council a post-activity report on the outcomes of the project. This report may be published in the ISPRS Annual Report;

10. A letter of support from the applicant's head of department, supervisor or other appropriate person;
11. Submission of applications shall be made 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 category of application by the Council having regard to its R & D priorities within the ISPRS Technical Commissions.
2. Overall scientific quality and integrity of the application.
3. The need for funding.
4. Relevance to ISPRS mission, activities and community needs.
5. The academic and professional performance of the applicant.
6. The application contains all specified information.
7. The sum requested which should not normally exceed US\$ 5,000 per year.

The TIF Grants Evaluation Committee will review ISPRS Council's recommendations on the basis of scientific quality, likely success, length of project, requirements for future funding. The Committee shall recommend to the Board of Trustees those initiatives qualified for grant funding. Approved grants shall receive 50% payment upon activity initiation and 50% upon completion and submission of project report. If multi-year funding is requested, further funding will be contingent on satisfactory yearly reporting.