



## International Student Travel Awards Application Criteria and Procedures

**Deadline: February 10**

The International Association of Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) confers up to two annual awards to provide travel funds for a current or recent graduate student (masters or Ph.D.) or post-doctoral fellows from countries outside of North America (U.S. and Canada) to attend IAGLR's Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research.

### **Objective**

The International Student Travel Award implements IAGLR's intent to broadening its scope to large lakes internationally. Through the travel scholarship, IAGLR seeks to expand relationships with researchers outside US and Canada; to provide opportunities for international students and recent graduates to benefit from the IAGLR research community; and to build capacity and engage members from developing countries.

### **Number and Value of Awards**

One or two awards, depending on the funds available in a given year, will be granted based on merit and financial need.

### **Use of Award**

The funds from this award will not be advanced directly to the recipient but will be used to pay, in advance, for travel and associated needs (e.g., visa), provide one complimentary conference registration and subsequently the costs of accommodation and meals. Funds are restricted to covering the costs of attending the IAGLR Conference in the year of the award. If travel to the conference does not occur in the year of the conferring of the award, funds are forfeited.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants for the award:

- Must be a member of IAGLR. See [iaglr.org/membership/](http://iaglr.org/membership/).
- Must be registered as a student (masters or Ph.D.) or affiliated as a post-doctoral fellow at a "recognized" postsecondary, educational institution from a developing country (see definition and requirements for IAGLR developing country membership).
- Must demonstrate that the focus of their research is on large lakes\* outside Canada and United States.

### **Application Elements**

A complete application is composed of four parts:

1. A Letter of Application (maximum three pages) indicating the following:  
Name, mailing address, e-mail, telephone and fax number; IAGLR membership number; degree sought or completed and educational institution and department and/or school, name and contact information of major professor (i.e. thesis supervisor) if a student, or collaborating faculty member if a post-doctoral fellow or recent graduate; explanation that the applicant meets the criteria for developing country status;

#### Statements providing

- The proposed abstract with title for a poster or an oral presentation at the IAGLR conference addressing a topic area relevant to those highlighted during the year of the conference,
  - How the applicant would benefit, both scientifically and financially, from the award and
  - How their research significantly contributes to large lakes research
  - A statement acknowledging and agreeing to comply with all terms of the award.
  - A statement that the Applicant has private medical coverage or travel insurance valid for the US and Canada.
2. A curriculum vitae.
  3. Official transcripts from current University if a master's or Ph.D. student or most recently attended University.
  4. A letter from the key faculty member/supervisor that: confirms current enrollment in, or affiliation with, the institution; describes the area of large lakes research and its scientific merit; comments on the candidate's academic ability and the potential impact of their research to the field. They should also indicate any other travel support that would be available from the home institution or research grants.

#### **Application Submission**

Electronic application submissions are preferred for the International Student Travel Award. Please email application package by February 10 to [travelaward@iaglr.org](mailto:travelaward@iaglr.org).

#### **Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of scientific merit, presentation, originality, and contribution to the understanding of large lakes. In addition, financial need of the applicant will also be considered. Applicants from low-middle income countries are strongly encouraged to apply.

\*The definition for large lakes will be based on the one outlined for the Journal of Great Lakes research.