

# CALL FOR IHSS TRAVEL SUPPORT AWARD FOR THE 22<sup>nd</sup> IHSS MEETING Rimini, Italy, August 26-30, 2024

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## **Aim**

The aim of the IHSS Travel Support Award is to allow graduate students to present their work and participate in the 22<sup>nd</sup> biennial International IHSS Meeting.

Since IHSS began to support student travel to its meetings in 1996, 6 to 20 students *per meeting* have received Travel Support Awards. Those students represent universities from more than 30 countries. A list of past recipients is maintained on the IHSS website:

[\(<http://humic-substances.org/wpcontent/uploads/Recipients-of-TravelAwards.pdf>\)](http://humic-substances.org/wpcontent/uploads/Recipients-of-TravelAwards.pdf)

## **Conditions**

IHSS Travel Support Awards will be granted only to graduate students, who are members of IHSS and have not previously received this award. Investigators who have completed their PhD degrees before submitting this application are not eligible. Priority is given to candidates whose supervisor is an active member of IHSS.

The award covers the conference fee (including excursion and banquet). In addition, the recipients will receive a fixed stipend for accommodation, and other costs, and a fixed sum to cover travel costs (economy ticket). The IHSS Treasurer will make payment directly to the Conference Organizing Committee for the awardee's conference fee, excursion and banquet. The stipend and the fixed sum for travel costs are refunded before the conference (receipts are required).

Recipients of IHSS Travel Support Awards will be honored at the conference banquet, where they will receive certificates and one-year memberships in IHSS. They have the possibility to present their research as oral and as poster presentation.

## **Evaluation Process**

Applications will be evaluated and ranked by the IHSS Travel Support Award Committee, considering primarily the quality and originality of the scientific content of the manuscript and the applicant's record of scientific achievement. The application should demonstrate that the student has had a major part in designing and conducting the research and wishes to pursue a career in a field in which humic substances and natural organic matter science is important. The recipients of Travel

Support Awards will be notified well in advance of the conference registration deadline.

### **Malcolm Award**

The most outstanding applicant for a Travel Support Award, as determined by the IHSS Travel Support Award Committee, will also receive the Malcolm Award, which is given in memory of Dr. Ronald Malcolm – the first president of IHSS. The Malcolm Award includes a certificate and a check for 250 US\$.

### **How to apply**

An application for a Travel Support Award must include:

1. the application form for IHSS Travel Support Awards (<http://humicsubstances.org/awards/>) (an example is available at <http://humic-substances.org/wpcontent/uploads/Travel-Award-example.pdf>),
2. a one-page curriculum vitae (see the application form for details),
3. A letter of recommendation and a signed approval for the proposal including budget from the applicant's main supervisor,
4. an abstract of the paper to be presented (maximum of 2 pages),
5. an itinerary and estimate of travel costs to attend the meeting (short table for the travel schedule, copies from a travel/airline website or travel agency have to be added as an extra additional attachment). Please include costs for Visa and health insurance if required.

The entire application must be submitted in a single pdf-file by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to the Vice President of IHSS: Dr. Deborah P. Dick ([deborah.dick@ufrgs.br](mailto:deborah.dick@ufrgs.br)), with a copy to the IHSS secretary Dr. Marios Drosos ([marios.drosos@unibas.it](mailto:marios.drosos@unibas.it))