



The 2024 Conferences Support Program for Fostering Diversity

The ITSS conferences are important gathering of scholars and practitioners that underscore their commitments to promoting rigorous research and fostering innovative solutions to transportation issues globally. A central pillar of these conferences is to encourage diversity and inclusivity, amplifying voices and perspectives that contribute to an enriched dialogue on the transportation challenges that our world faces.

To ensure broad participation and make this platform accessible to deserving researchers across socio-economic backgrounds, the *IEEE-ITSS Conferences Support Program for Fostering Diversity* is designed.

The program aims to provide **conferences fees waiver** to the recipient to facilitate their attendance **at both 2024 ITSS flagship conferences (ITSC & IV)**. Through the program, we will allow broadening participants' exposure to the latest advancements, research, and networking opportunities in the field of ITS. This will also encourage the recipients to send their work for publication in the conferences which will also have an impact on the publications and widen the research and contribute with some new topics and challenges to the ITS field.

Eligibility Criteria

The selection criteria encompass various elements to ensure a comprehensive evaluation process. Some of these elements are highlighted below:

- The support program is offered to:
 - a. Anyone who work in the ITS field,
 - b. Priority to those who can contribute diverse perspectives to ITSS including Women, Underrepresented Groups (with no age restrictions), young professionals, and students in early stages of their studies in the ITS field are highly encouraged.
- Candidates must have **their paper accepted** in the corresponding conference with **major contribution** to the submitted work, demonstrating their academic achievements.
- Candidates should be committed to actively promoting the society in a positive manner, contributing to its growth and outreach.
- Candidates should be willing to assist both the conference organizers and the WiE/YP events, reflecting their dedication to the community's success.



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- **Active participation as a reviewer** is also a MUST, as it showcases their commitment to supporting the flagship conferences through valuable feedback.
 - **It's important to note** that a candidate does not need to be IEEE ITSS student or full member to apply for the program. However, IEEE ITSS membership will be required upon receiving the grant.

The Program Benefits

- The conference support program will fully cover **the registration fees** of the accepted paper of the applicant **with the condition** that the recipient will be the one who presents the accepted paper during the corresponding conference technical sessions.
- **As a reciprocal arrangement**, the selected awardee will be expected to contribute to the organization of this event, aligning with the fellowship's objective of cultivating new talents in the field of ITS.
- **As a reciprocal arrangement**, all recipients of the ITSS Fellowship will join the Young Reviewers Program and serve in the conferences reviewing process.

The Program Selection Process

- Each applicant is required to submit a **motivation letter** in which the applicant should describe why he/she is worthy of receiving the grant and how this would contribute to the development of his/her research and/or professional career.
- Moreover, the applicant should submit the **title, abstract, and authors (with their affiliations) of the accepted paper**.
- Finally, the applicant should show a proof that the paper is not receiving any other grants (for the registration fees) from any other entity.
- Each application undergoes two filtration phases:
 1. **Screening Phase:** checking the initial eligibility of applicants.
 2. **Anonymous Reviewing Phase:** scoring submitted applications.
- Afterward, the recipients will be notified with the grant of their paper along with information about the next steps.

Important Deadlines

The conference support program will be launched **twice** this year.



IV'2024 Call of the Conference Support Program:

- Open Call of the Conference Support Program for **IV** in Jeju, South Korea is [January 15, 2024](#)
- Deadline of application submission is **April 10, 2024**.
- The tentative announcement of awarded fellows is **April 15, 2024**.

ITSC'2024 Call of the Conference Support Program:

- Open Call of the Conference Support Program for **ITSC** in Edmonton, Canada is [April 01, 2024](#)
- Deadline of application submission is **July 30, 2024**.
- The tentative announcement of awarded fellows is **August 10, 2024**.

Submission Guidelines

To submit a proposal, please provide the following:

1. Applicant name, affiliation, and email address.
2. Applicant's short bio and statement of interest, stating previous participation in ITSS events (organization and/or attendance) **maximum 200 words**.
3. Motivation Letter **maximum 700 words**.
4. Title, abstract, and authors (with their affiliations) of the accepted paper.
5. A proof that the paper is not receiving any other grants (for the registration fees) from any other entity. You must submit a letter from your supervisor or a screenshot of emails between you and your supervisor/school administration indicating that you do not have financial support for your registration.

Please submit your application materials as a single PDF to:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyMkXIBynnKzgalBzIVv95NmwebmPSCXbABF-7XfGeZfk9pQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

You can register for the young reviewers program through the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf92XS_K8hiA8TIkPpBXiKbXTL8ly4avg-2ORis7wCvCn1vgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Through your creativity, we can collectively enhance the global visibility and impact of the IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Society.

We look forward to receiving your innovative proposals!