



Financial Aid Programs Available to Support Travel to the IIFET 2018 Seattle Conference

IIFET is committed to improving access to our network and conferences from resource-poor countries. We therefore seek sources of financial support for this purpose, and encourage those in need to apply for travel support. However, due to the limited amount of funding we have currently available and the large number of requests we expect to receive, we encourage all applicants to explore alternative sources of support simultaneously.

The following conditions apply to all support grants provided by the IIFET Secretariat and conference organizers.

- All support grants are **partial**, and will cover *some or all* of the following items:
 - Conference Registration (including some meals)
 - Single dormitory lodging on the University of Washington campus for up to 6 nights (typically arriving Sunday July 15, checking out Saturday morning July 21)
 - Lowest cost economy class airfare from your nearest international airport to Seattle, return
 - Visa fees
 - Registration for one-day preconference workshop on fisheries cost data, for those who want to participate.

All funded participants will be required to leverage their individual aid offer with a small amount of additional personal funds or support from your own institution to cover other costs such as additional meals, lodging before or after the conference, local transport, incidentals, etc. Your ability to leverage funds provided by IIFET may increase your chances of selection for partial funding.

- **Visas: all participants are responsible for applying for and obtaining their own visas** as required to visit the US. We will reimburse the amount of the visa fee to funded participants after the conference. You must obtain your visa by June 15th, 2018. To determine whether you need a visa, visit the U.S. [Department of State Travel and Visa website](#). Helpful hint: start with the button labelled “try our visa wizard”. Look for “Tourism and Visit” (“B”) type visas. Begin your application as early as possible.
- **Eligibility:** You may apply for financial aid from IIFET if:
 - You are **both a citizen of and currently reside/work in a World Bank low-income or lower-middle income economy**. In some cases, we may also be able to honor requests from **upper-middle income** economies. See

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519> for country lists.

- You have an abstract accepted for presentation at the IIFET 2018 Seattle conference.

Further eligibility requirements may apply. See the specific programs listed below.

- **Selection of grant recipients is *competitive***, and based primarily on scientific quality of abstract as judged by the Scientific Committee. Other factors we may take into account include geographic and gender diversity, relevance of topic, and special criteria used by individual donors (see individual programs mentioned below).

To be considered for a travel grant from IIFET, submit your abstract in the “early bird” period, before November 29th. Visit iifet2018.org/, select “Submit Early-bird Abstract” and follow instructions. When you indicate your intention to apply for financial aid you will be required to fill in additional fields including submitting an extended abstract of up to 500 words each on introduction, methods, and results.

Grant categories available from IIFET to date include the following. Note that you do not need to apply for a specific program; your request will be allocated to the right program by the selection coordinator. However please follow special instructions for UNUFTP Fellows and SeaFish Data Workshop participants please follow directions below.

- WFF: The Walton Family Foundation has provided funds to support 3 or more participants from Latin American countries or Indonesia. Selected applicants must be from these countries.
- UNUFTP: The United Nations University Fisheries Training Program has provided funds to support approximately 10 UNUFTP Former Fellows. Applicants must be former UNU FTP Fellows. (All UNU FTP Fellows: please include “UNUFTP” at the beginning of your abstract, and email Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu after successfully completing your submission.)
- SeaFish: The UK Seafish Industry Authority has provided funds to support 3 participants to the conference from any developing country (per the World Bank lists mentioned above). Funded participants will be selected from among those who have signed up to attend the pre-conference workshop on fisheries cost data collection, Monday July 16th; selected participants will be funded and expected to attend BOTH the preconference workshop, AND the conference itself, July 16-20. Express your interest in the pre-conference workshop on fishing costs data by emailing Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu and Steven.Lawrence@seafish.co.uk.

- Prizes: IIFET will offer several “Best Paper” prizes; some are focused on developing countries, and some of these include travel grants. Details on the prize programs are forthcoming; to give yourself more time to develop your prize-worthy paper, you are encouraged to submit your abstract in the early bird period (by November 29th 2017), but this is not required. Participation in the “regular” abstract submission period from mid-December through February 14 will yield acceptance decisions soon enough to submit full papers for competitions, assuming papers are already in development. Papers will be due April 4, 2018.
- Other programs: IIFET is currently seeking additional travel funds to support participants. If you are aware of programs to which IIFET might apply or to which you and IIFET might apply jointly, please contact Ann.L.Shriver@oregonstate.edu . Thanks!

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