Frequently Asked Questions for ICSP Applicants

When is the deadline to apply for the scholarship?
The deadline for ICSP Applications (2010-11) has been extended to March 1, 2010. If you submit an ICSP application after that date, you may possibly receive secondary consideration, if there are un-filled positions, but yours will not be considered until timely applications are reviewed.

New Students: applications to the University should be submitted prior to, but no later than March 1, 2010 for full consideration for the following fall start date.

Where do I turn in the application?
Please mail or leave it at the front desk at 444 Snell Hall. You will receive a confirmation email that your completed application has been received. If it is not complete, you will be notified of what we are missing. Email applications may be sent (with original letters of recommendation to follow by post) to:

Edwin.safo-kwakye@oregonstate.edu

What if I do not have everything in by the due date?
EVERYTHING, including letters of reference, must be in by 5:00 on the due date. You may fax or have references fax or email materials if you wish, but they must be received by 5:00 p.m. If you fax any piece of your application, original copies must be received by our office within 2 weeks. Please fax to: (541) 737-6482 and indicate “ICSP APPLICATION” on the cover page.

Can you look over my application for me?
Please take your time to ensure that everything is complete, and if you have concerns or questions, you may email Edwin Safo-Kwakye at: Edwin.safo-kwakye@oregonstate.edu with specific questions.

If you are an OSU student and wish to speak with the Director, please plan to attend a Scholarships 101 workshop. Check with the front desk at 444 Snell Hall to learn when the next workshop is scheduled.

When will you be making a decision about who receives the scholarship?
We expect to review applications in March, conduct interviews in April, and make offers from late April to mid May. Telephone interviews with overseas applicants occur anywhere between March and May. We will contact YOU (do not call or email to see if you can schedule an interview).

What if I’m out of town during the interview or notification period?
Please note your unavailable dates on your application. Some interviews will be conducted by telephone (so that candidates out of the area may receive full consideration). If you have a contact email or number where you can be reached during the months of April or May, you should be fine.

How much will the scholarship award be?
Awards are generally about $3500 per term for the first year. They are renewable yearly, if you meet all program requirements, including GPA (minimum 2.5 for
undergraduates, 3.0 for graduate students), 80 hrs/year of community service, and adherence to contractual program requirements.

**How many people from my country are you going to take?**
There is no set number of “spaces” for people from particular countries. We seek a diverse range of geographic, gender, academic and cultural presentation abilities or skills, academically meritorious students, and award as much as possible to those with financial need. Some years we have multiple students from particular countries. Some years we do not accept any students from a particular country, if we do not have a need or qualified applicants.

**Do you select alternates? If so, what does that mean?**
Yes, we usually offer 2-4 students positions as an alternate. Being chosen as an alternate gives you a good chance of being selected for ICSP for the following fall (we often have students who are offered ICSP but receive other funding or attend another University), but it is not a guarantee. You will be notified if you are chosen as an alternate, and you will be notified as soon as we hear that there is an opening if you are subsequently offered a “primary” position on ICSP.

**Can I receive ICSP if I am a Graduate Student getting an Assistantship from my Department?**
No, you are not eligible for both at the same time, because both provide tuition remission awards, which would provide double-coverage of your tuition.

**What if I’m offered an Assistantship after I start ICSP?**
Then you must choose whether to go with the assistantship (and permanently revoke your ICSP scholarship) or stay with ICSP. If you have not yet started with ICSP, you may re-apply for future years. If you start and quit the ICSP program mid-year for an assistantship, you may not re-apply.

**I am considering (or planning on) doing an internship mid-year. Can I still apply?**
You should indicate this, in as much specific detail as possible, on your application, and the Director will speak to you to discuss your situation. Sometimes students on internship are still allowed an ICSP award, in extenuating circumstances.

**What if I only need one (or two) more terms of funding?**
Then you should seek funding elsewhere. We ask for a one year commitment, as you will undergo training, observations of other student speakers, and we advertise your speaking abilities within the community. We do not make partial-year awards, except for students completing their program and continuing on ICSP.

**Can I apply for and receive the Van der Water scholarship if I’m just applying to ICSP fall (could I receive both, if it’s my first year for both?)**
No, ICSP awards are not determined before Van der Water awards are made, so you won’t receive both if you are not a continuing ICSP student.

**Are there other awards for which I am NOT eligible if I’m receiving ICSP funds?**
Good question! You are not eligible for other “remission” awards such as the OSU Provost award, but private scholarships are OK. Graduate Assistantships and Provost awards are
not awarded in conjunction with ICSP awards. Oregon Laurels awards (for graduate students) ARE allowed to be paired with ICSP, but the total amount of funds cannot exceed the cost of your tuition. Please make a note on your application if you are receiving an Oregon Laurels award.

My brother/sister/Mother/Father/Aunt/Uncle was on ICSP. Can you give me special consideration? I already know what to do – they told me everything.

While we are delighted to see alumni’s family members choose OSU, there are many qualified applicants for ICSP, so your application will be reviewed alongside those that were also submitted by the due date.

Can I see the Director to explain my situation in person? It’s complicated.

Due to the large volume of inquiries we receive this time of year, we regret that the Director cannot receive each and every application in person, nor meet with every applicant.