

NARST INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose

The NARST international committee scholarships have been established for the following purposes:

1. To encourage international graduate students and international science education professionals just starting their careers in science education (ie. within 6 years of completion of PhD degree), and international science education researchers to participate in and present papers at the NARST annual conference.
2. To demonstrate NARST's commitment to excel as an international organization by financially supporting international science educators to attend the annual conference.

What do the scholarships cover?

Scholarships are not meant to cover the full cost associated with attending the NARST conference. They are rather intended to defray some of the cost of attending the conference. The scholarships may be used for air travel, ground transportation, and conference registration fees. All applicants will need to register and pay for the fees before attending the conference. *Reimbursement of expenses will be made after the conference attendance when a paper has been presented.*

Number of scholarships and scholarship amount

We plan to offer 15 scholarships at a maximum amount of \$700.00 per scholarship. The total amount of this scheme is \$10,500.

Who is eligible to get the scholarships?

The following groups of individuals are eligible to receive the NARST scholarships, in order of priority:

1. Members of NARST who are international science education graduate students studying outside the USA.
2. Members of NARST who are junior international science education scholars within 6 years since completion of their PhD and working outside the USA.

To be eligible for the scholarships, recipients must preferably be participating in the conference by presenting a paper, participating in a seminar, or conducting NARST official business such as serving on the NARST board or

chairing a NARST committee. Moreover, applicants need to demonstrate a need for support and to provide evidence that they have attempted to get support from other sources to attend the conference. Finally, preference will be given to applicants from under-represented groups, applicants from developing countries, and those who have not received a scholarship in a previous year.

3. An international graduate student studying within the US and an international faculty member working in the US are not eligible for an award.

Scholarship application procedures:

Applicants should

1. Fill out the attached application form
2. Provide evidence for needing support

Please combine all materials into *one* word or PDF file and submit your document electronically to Sibel Erduran, Chair of the International Committee, no later than December 15, 2010.

Selection process

The International Committee will decide scholarships by consensus based on the merit and need of applicants. Preference will be given to applicants who will present papers at the 2011 NARST conference in Orlando, Florida.

In order to protect the anonymity and integrity of the selection process, the chair of the International Committee, who is not eligible to apply for the scholarships, will:

1. Solicit, collect, and blind the applications.
2. Not engage in the review of the candidates or cast votes for recipients, including in the case of a tie.
3. Remove those applications submitted by members of the International Committee from reviewing their own applications.
4. Distribute and synthesize the recommendations of the Committee.
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6. Report to the NARST Board of Directors and to the applicants regarding final awardees and alternates.

Application deadline for the scholarships is December 15, 2010.

Detailed information and the application form for the scholarships are posted on the NARST website (<http://www.narst.org/applications/scholarships.cfm>)