



NARST INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose

The NARST international committee scholarships were established to demonstrate NARST's commitment to excel as an international organization by financially supporting international science education scholars from various countries in order to encourage discussion on science teaching and learning from a global perspective. To achieve this goal, travel scholarships will be offered to provide international graduate students and early career faculty or researchers with financial assistance to travel to and participate in the annual NARST conference.

What expenses 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. Therefore, a scholarship may be applied towards air travel, hotel, ground transportation, and/or conference registration fees. All applicants will need to register and pay for the fees before attending the conference. NOTE: *Reimbursement of expenses will not be made until after the conference.*

Number of scholarships and scholarship amount

We plan to offer scholarships ranging from \$300-\$1200 per scholarship on the basis of income-level category of the applicant's country of work. The total amount of scholarship monies granted per conference will not exceed \$10,500.

Who is eligible to get the scholarships?

The following groups of individuals are eligible to receive a NARST International Committee scholarship:

1. Members of NARST who are science education graduate students studying outside the USA.
2. Members of NARST who are science education scholars within 6 years since completion of their PhD and working outside the USA. Recipients must provide evidence that they will 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.
3. Applicants must demonstrate a need for the financial support of one of these scholarships in order to attend the conference.

NOTE: *Preference will be given to applicants from under-represented groups. Thus geographic location as well as per capita income level of an applicant's current country of residence will be a key consideration for determining the level of funding. An international graduate student studying within the US or an international faculty member/researcher working in the US, and Members of the International Committee are not eligible for a scholarship.*

Scholarship application procedures:

Applicants should

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

Please combine all materials into *one* word or PDF file and submit your document electronically to the Chair of the sub-committee of the International Committee Scholarships, **Shirly Avargil (shirly.avargil@biu.ac.il)**, no later than **January 15, 2017**.

Selection process

The International Committee will review and rank the applications. Decisions will be based on eligibility requirements stated above, the merit of the application and the evidence provided of financial need. Preference will be given to applicants who will present papers at the **2016 NARST conference in San Antonio, Texas**, and are involved in various ways in the conference (e.g., presenting more than one paper, discussant, chair, etc.)

The chair of the sub-committee of the International Committee Scholarship, who is not eligible to apply for the scholarships, will:

1. Solicit and collect the applications.
2. Not engage in the review of the candidates or cast votes for recipients, including in the case of a tie.
3. Distribute and synthesize the recommendations of the Committee.
4. Report to the NARST Board of Directors and to the applicants regarding final awardees and alternates.

Application deadline for the scholarships is January 15, 2017.

**NARST 2017 INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Deadline: January 15, 2017**

Last name: _____ **First name:** _____

Institution name: _____

Institution address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone:

Email:

Fax

Are you a current member of NARST? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, please provide your membership #: _____

Current professional status:

___ International science education graduate student studying outside the USA.

___ International science education scholar within 6 years of completion of PhD and working outside the USA.

NOTE: International students studying in the USA, International Faculty or Researchers working in the USA, and Members of the International Committee are NOT eligible to apply.

Have you ever received a NARST International Committee scholarship?

___ Yes ___ No

If yes, what year did you receive the scholarship? _____

Estimated budget of travel expenses to attend the 2017 Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas :

Travel: _____

Conference registration: _____

Lodging/meals: _____

Other: _____

Please list any additional funding you are guaranteed to receive in support of your travels to attend the 2017 Annual NARST Conference (source and amount):

Additional application materials to include:

Please provide a written statement (a maximum of 300 words) describing the nature of your participation in NARST Conference (Title of your presentation or seminar in which you will participate.). In addition, be sure to describe the benefits you expect to get from participating at the conference, how your attendance at this conference may benefit the goals for science education in your country, and what benefits you think the NARST community might receive as a result of your attendance (e.g., the contributions of your research or service).

- Please provide your curriculum vita (a maximum of 2 pages) describing your education and work experiences in science education, as well as your contributions to the field of science education research as whole (e.g., list of pertinent publications, grants, conference papers, etc.)
- Evidence of participation - please provide confirmation that your proposal was accepted for the 2017 Annual NARST conference (if applicable). If you are not presenting, but are serving NARST membership in another way, please provide evidence explaining how you are serving the NARST membership at this conference (e.g., chairing a committee, serving on the Board, etc.)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

REVIEW FORM - to be filled in by the committee

APPLICANT:

Criteria that are not scored:

Minimum criteria for eligibility:

In order to be eligible for the IC scholarship, the applicant should have “yes” response for the following items.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant is a current member of NARST
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant resides outside of the US
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant is either a current graduate student or an early career researcher (within the 6 years of completion of Ph.D.).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant provides evidence of participating in the Annual Conference (e.g., presenting a paper, chairing a committee, or serving on the Board, etc.)

Applicants country income level (Refer to Appendix A)

Applicant’s country of residence:

Income level of applicant’s country:

- Low income (Less than \$995 per capita/per year)
- Lower middle income (Between \$ 996-3945 per capita/per year)
- Upper middle income (Between \$ 3946-12,195 per capita/per year)
- Higher income (More than \$12,195 per capita/per year)

Criteria that are scored:

SUMMARY TABLE

	EVALUATION CATEGORY	POINTS (MAX 3)	SCORES
1	Nature of Participation at Conference (1-for presenting a paper, 2-for presenting a paper +one additional way of involvement, 3- presenting a paper +2 additional ways of involvement)	3	_____
2	Benefits expected by attending	3	_____
3	Contribution or Potential Contribution to Field (see CV)	3	_____
	TOTAL		_____

Points are awarded for each of the following criteria:

Criterion 1: NATURE OF PARTICIPATION AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Description of participation included all required information requires – title of presentation, seminar, or role/position in service to NARST (**1 point**)
- Description of participation provides a **strong (2 pts)**, **fair (1 pt)**, or **weak (0pts)** argument as to why their attendance at the conference is necessary.

Criterion 2: BENEFITS EXPECTED BY ATTENDING

- Applicant describes how attending will benefit their own line of research and/or teaching. (**1 point**)
- Applicant describes how attending will benefit the goals of improving science education in their country of residence. (**1 point**)
- Applicant describes how their attendance may help with NARST's overall goal of expanding as an international leader for promoting quality science learning and teaching globally. (**1 point**)

Criterion 3: SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS OR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF SCIENCE EDUCATION (refer to CV)

- Applicant's CV demonstrates a strong record of scholarly research or activity through multiple publications, grants, and/or presentations at conferences. (**3 points**)
NOTE for assessors: Keep in mind that for graduate students a "strong record" may be shown more through collaborative work with advisors and conference presentations than actual publications and grants.
- Applicant's CV demonstrates a good record in mainly one of following scholarly activities: publications, grants, and/or presentations at conferences. (**2 points**)
- Applicant's CV demonstrates a very limited record of scholarly activities, such as: publications, grants, and/or presentations at conferences. (**1 point**)
- Applicant's CV does not list any scholarly activities. (**0 points**)

Overall Comments

APPENDIX A

Low-income economies (\$1,045 or less)- Scholarship amount \$1000

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Niger
Benin	Guinea	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Guinea-Bissau	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Haiti	Somalia
Cambodia	Korea, Dem Rep.	South Sudan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
Ethiopia	Nepal	

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,046 to \$4,125) – Scholarship amount \$800

Armenia	Indonesia	Samoa
Bangladesh	Kenya	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kiribati	Senegal
Bolivia	Kosovo	Solomon Islands
Cabo Verde	Kyrgyz Republic	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Sudan
Congo, Rep.	Lesotho	Swaziland
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Djibouti	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tajikistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Moldova	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Nigeria	Vietnam
Guyana	Pakistan	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Papua New Guinea	Yemen, Rep.
India	Philippines	Zambia

Upper-middle-income economies (\$4,126 to \$12,735) – Scholarship amount \$500

Albania	Fiji	Namibia
Algeria	Gabon	Palau
American Samoa	Grenada	Panama
Angola	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Iraq	Peru
Belarus	Jamaica	Romania
Belize	Jordan	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	South Africa
Botswana	Lebanon	St. Lucia
Brazil	Libya	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	Suriname
China	Malaysia	Thailand
Colombia	Maldives	Tonga
Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Tunisia
Cuba	Mauritius	Turkey
Dominica	Mexico	Turkmenistan
Dominican Republic	Mongolia	Tuvalu
Ecuador	Montenegro	

High-income economies (\$12,736 or more) – Scholarship amount \$300

Andorra	Germany	Poland
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Portugal
Argentina	Greenland	Puerto Rico
Aruba	Guam	Qatar
Australia	Hong Kong SAR, China	Russian Federation
Austria	Hungary	San Marino
Bahamas, The	Iceland	Saudi Arabia
Bahrain	Ireland	Seychelles
Barbados	Isle of Man	Singapore
Belgium	Israel	Sint Maarten (Dutch part)

Bermuda	Italy	Slovak Republic
Brunei Darussalam	Japan	Slovenia
Canada	Korea, Rep.	Spain
Cayman Islands	Kuwait	St. Kitts and Nevis
Channel Islands	Latvia	St. Martin (French part)
Chile	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Croatia	Lithuania	Switzerland
Curaçao	Luxembourg	Taiwan, ROC
Cyprus	Macao SAR, China	Trinidad and Tobago
Czech Republic	Malta	Turks and Caicos Islands
Denmark	Monaco	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Equatorial Guinea	New Caledonia	United States
Faeroe Islands	New Zealand	Uruguay
Finland	Northern Mariana Islands	Venezuela, RB
France	Norway	Virgin Islands (U.S.)
French Polynesia	Oman	