

November 6, 2015

**RE: Travel Award for Emerging Researchers' Attendance at the ISAAC 2014 Biennial Conference**

Once again, we are pleased to advise that ISAAC has funding available to provide emerging researchers with financial support to attend the [17th Biennial Conference of ISAAC](#) in Toronto, Canada, August 6 – 13, 2016.

ISAAC recognizes the need to promote research in augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) throughout the world and to provide incentives to those involved in innovative AAC research. Providing financial support that allows early career researchers to attend ISAAC Conferences is an important aspect of ISAAC's ongoing work in the field of AAC. The successful candidates will be expected to attend and present their research at the main conference, and to attend the Research Symposium (August 12-13, 2016), following the main conference.

While ISAAC will not be able to provide 100% funding for every qualified applicant, we will evaluate all submissions and provide what would be meaningful financial assistance to as many suitable applicants as we can. Please note applications can only be accepted from ISAAC members in good standing who meet a range of criteria for this competitive award. The applications are judged on their merits by the Research Committee of ISAAC. **Only applicants who have already submitted Conference 2016 abstracts are eligible to apply.** Please be sure to submit a copy of your abstract with this application.

Please complete and submit the attached application and supporting documents by email to [bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au) by 5:00 p.m. on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2015** AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

We look to receiving your application, and to meet and network with a promising group of emerging researchers in AAC at ISAAC Conference 2016. Please note that our biennial Research Symposium will be held on August 12-13, 2016, immediately following the main conference.

Best regards,

Bronwyn Hemsley  
Chair, ISAAC Research Committee

## **Application Form Financial Support of Emerging Researchers' Attendance at the Biennial Conference of ISAAC 2016**

**Only current 2015 ISAAC members are eligible to apply. Closing date is 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Successful applicants will be advised of the outcome by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Questions concerning this scheme should be directed to Bronwyn Hemsley, Chair of the ISAAC Research Committee: [bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au)

Check carefully to ensure the information submitted is accurate and complete.

### **Section 1: Personal Information**

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip / Postal Code:

Country:

Phone number:

Email Address:

Are you a member of ISAAC in 2015? **Yes** **No**

If relevant, which Chapter of ISAAC?

What is your first or primary language?

### **Section 2: A 2-Page Curriculum Vitae MUST be attached.**

A 2-page curriculum vitae must be attached (do not provide more than 2 pages). Include all details regarding academic qualifications, current employment, research institution, supervision if relevant, publications including previous conference presentations, journal articles, website reports, and any other creative works related to AAC.

Have you attached a 2-page curriculum vitae with the requested information? **Yes** **No**

### **Section 3: Previous activity within ISAAC**

Have you been involved in a local chapter of ISAAC or ISAAC International, including either administration or governance, or participation in ISAAC events, attendance at chapter meetings or teleconference, conferences, AAC awareness events, or providing assistance in ISAAC activities at a local level, volunteering to assist at events, participating on executive teams, providing presentations, developing resources, etc.).

If YES, please describe briefly how you have been involved: **Yes** **No**

**SECTION 4: THE ISAAC CONFERENCE IN 2016**

- Have you submitted an abstract to the Main ISAAC Conference? **Yes** **No**
- The submitted abstract must be attached. Is it attached? **Yes** **No**
- Are you planning to attend the ISAAC Research Symposium? **Yes** **No**
- What are your estimated total costs for attending the ISAAC International Conference (\$CDN)?
- Have you already secured other funding to attend the conference? **Yes** **No**
- If Yes, how much (\$CDN):

**SECTION 5: YOUR RESEARCH GOALS**

**5(a)** Are you presently working toward obtaining a research higher degree? **Yes** **No**

Name of Degree:

Research Institution:

Research supervisor/Mentor:

Year of commencement:

Stage of candidature:

**5(b)** In one paragraph, briefly outline your personal research goals (100 - 150 words max).

**5(c)** Please write a personal statement of your research work and involvement in the AAC field (100 - 150 words max).

**5(d)** How do you expect your attendance at ISAAC, to present research in the field of AAC, will benefit the field, yourself, and others (100 - 150 words max)?

## 6. SUPPORTING STATEMENT FROM RESEARCH SUPERVISOR/MENTOR/ADVISOR

Please provide us with a short recommendation by a person who knows your research, your work, and who can testify for your research potential in the field of AAC. (Maximum 250 words).

*Type the recommendation here on this form, or else attach a separate signed letter.*

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) support \_\_\_\_\_ (name) in his/her application for this Travel Award.

Signature of supervisor/mentor/nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. STATEMENT of candidate:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name) declare that the information provided in this application is true at the time of writing. I understand that by submitting this application, if successful I am committed to registering and attending both the Main Conference and the Research Symposium of the ISAAC Biennial Conference in Toronto, 2016.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Checklist for Submission:

- Completed and signed application form (signature of mentor/supervisor and signature of applicant)
- 2-page CV with required details
- Letter of support from mentor/advisor/supervisor or else statement typed onto this form with signature.
- Copy of Abstract submitted to the main conference (must have been submitted by 16th October 2015).

**Email this form to [Bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Bronwyn.hemsley@newcastle.edu.au) by 5pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time).**