

ISAAC is committed to supporting members from emerging countries to attend our biennial conferences. We believe this opportunity helps people build their networks and learn about AAC internationally.

We are pleased to announce that ISAAC has some funding available to support members from emerging AAC countries to attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial ISAAC conference, hosted in Cancún, México, 1 - 6 August 2020.

While we cannot provide 100% funding for every member applying from countries where AAC is in an emerging state, we will evaluate all submissions and hopefully provide some assistance to a number of people. Please note that priority may be given to applicants from countries that did not receive travel assistance funds for the 2018 ISAAC conference.

If you would like to put in a submission for ISAAC funding, please complete and submit the attached "Travel Assistance to Attend ISAAC Conference Application Form" and email it back to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director, at <u>franklin@isaac-online.org</u> by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We will let you know the outcome of your application by 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and what funds may be available to you.

Successful applicants should agree to provide a short review after attending the conference and, at a later date, an article with a summary of the impact that the ISAAC conference has made on you and how it has helped you in your goals of advancing AAC in your country. This article would be included in a future issue of the ISAAC publication, Communication Support World Network (CSWN) newsletter.

If your application is successful but you find you are not able to attend the conference, please let Franklin know by **1**<sup>st</sup> **March 2020** so the money can be reallocated.

The conference will provide opportunities to meet, network, and share ideas with people from many countries around the world. Some of the conference presentations will focus specifically on developing and enhancing strategies to further develop AAC in Emerging Nations.

We invite members from emerging countries to apply, who feel they will actively work towards the ongoing development of AAC in their countries.

Looking forward to receiving your application,

Kind regards,

Dorothy Fraser Chair, BUILD Committee



# **Application Form**

- The ISAAC BUILD Committee allocates the funds to support the attendance of people from emerging AAC countries at the ISAAC conference.
- Preference will be given to people who are presenting posters or papers at the conference.

Please note that limited funds are available and that you will be required to raise funds on your own as well.

<u>Application process</u> Please complete all sections of the application form and return to Franklin Smith at <u>franklin@isaac-online.org</u> by 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. You will be notified by 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 about any funds available for you.

- If for any reason you receive funding and are not able to attend the conference, you must advise the ISAAC International office immediately or latest by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 so that funds can be reallocated to others.
- 2. Please check with your travel agent about travel visas to the conference location.



**APPLICANT INFORMATION:** 

This 1<sup>st</sup> section will be saved by Chair of BUILD committee (with a reference number). Applicant identity information will not be given to BUILD selection committee.

ISAAC ID# (identification number):

Applicant First name:

Last Name:

Street address:

City:

County/Province/State:

Postal Code/Zip:

Country:

Email:



### PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING

#### Expenses

Α.

(in CAD dollars)

- - 1. Air/ground travel
  - 2. Accommodation
  - 3. Meals
  - 4. Registration fees
  - 5. Personal Care attendant assistance
  - 6. Any other related expenses

#### Total expenses:

B. Whether other sources of funding are being sought (specify)

C. The reasons why you wish to attend the ISAAC conference

D. Your occupation



F. Indicate formal involvement (as a member or leader) in any organization for people with disabilities in your country. The organization's name should not be mentioned, only your involvement, e.g. member, leader, mentor. Please mention if the organization is community, provincial, or country wide.

## G. Have you attended an ISAAC Conference?

Yes, indicate year(s)

No

H. Indicate if you received funding from the ISAAC BUILD Committee (previously called Emerging AAC Nations Committee)

Yes

Year(s) you received the funds

How you utilized your participation to promote AAC in your country

No



 Please state two action points/ goals that you hope to achieve on your return from the ISAAC conference related to the 2020 conference theme: Communication Beyond Borders / Comunicación Sin Fronteras

J. If funded, I will provide ISAAC with a short written review after attending Conference 2020 and, at a later date, an article with a summary of the impact that the ISAAC conference has made, and how it has helped in attaining my goals of advancing AAC in my country. This article would be included in a future edition of the ISAAC publication, Communication Support World Network (CSWN) newsletter.

Accepted (mandatory for this application to be considered)