

October 5th, 2017

RE: New Professionals' Travel Assistance Grant for Attending the ISAAC 2018 Biennial Conference – Sponsored by AssistiveWare®

ISAAC and AssistiveWare® are pleased to announce that funding is once again available for new professionals in the field of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) to attend and participate in the ISAAC Biennial Conference. ISAAC Conference 2018 will be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, between July 21st – 26th, 2018.

ISAAC and AssistiveWare® recognize the need to provide incentives to new or recent graduates working in professional fields related to AAC – including Speech-Language Pathology, Special Education, or Occupational Therapy (or equivalent in the applicant's country) – to benefit from international education and networking opportunities. Providing financial support that allows them to attend ISAAC conferences is an important aspect of ISAAC's ongoing work in the field of AAC.

Although we are unable to provide successful applicants with 100% funding to attend Conference 2018, we will carefully evaluate all submissions and provide financial assistance for up to three (3) applicants as follows:

- One (1) CAD \$500.00 grant in support of a New Professional from Australia and neighbouring countries; and,
- Two (2) CAD \$750.00 grants in support of New Professionals residing elsewhere in the world.

Please complete and submit the attached form and provide supporting documentation by email to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director franklin@isaac-online.org, by 22:00 GMT on December 15th, 2017. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by February 23rd, 2018.

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you to the Gold Coast in 2018!

Yours sincerely,

Gregor Renner
ISAAC President 2015 – 2018

Application Form Financial Support for New Professionals' Attendance at the Biennial Conference of ISAAC 2018 Travel Assistance Grant Program Sponsored by AssistiveWare®

ISAAC and AssistiveWare® are pleased to announce that funding is once again available for the ISAAC travel assistance grant program designed to support new or recent graduates who are working in a professional capacity in the field of AAC to attend and participate in the ISAAC Biennial Conference. ISAAC Conference 2018 will be held on Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, between July 21st –26th, 2018. “New professionals” are defined as recent graduates, i.e., five years or less since graduation, from a recognized academic program related to the field of AAC, e.g., Speech-Language Pathology, Special Education, or Occupational Therapy (or equivalent in applicant’s country).

A maximum of three (3) grants will be awarded to offset the costs of attending the conference, according to the following:

- One (1) CAD \$500.00 grant in support of a New Professional from Australia and neighbouring countries; and,
- Two (2) CAD \$750.00 grants in support of New Professionals residing elsewhere in the world.

The closing date for applications is 22:00 GMT on December 15th, 2017. All applicants will be advised of the selection committee’s decision by February 23rd, 2018.

Finally, and new for Conference 2018, travel assistance grant award recipients will be required to submit to ISAAC, no later than August 31st, 2018, a summary of their experience (the “Experience Summary”) at Conference 2018 and how the opportunity of attending the Conference has assisted them as a “New Professional” in the field of AAC. Limited to approximately two (2) pages in length, the summary should, at a minimum, include descriptions of:

- Sessions attended
- Key learning objectives achieved
- National and international contacts developed
- Exposure to research, methodologies and technologies in AAC

A form to support submission of this report will be provided to successful grant recipients in advance of attending ISAAC Conference 2018.

ISAAC Awards and Scholarships are presented every two years in conjunction with the Biennial Conference. Only current ISAAC members are eligible to apply.

Questions concerning this application form should be directed to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director, franklin@isaac-online.org

Please check carefully to ensure the information submitted is accurate and complete.

Section 1: Personal Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

City, Province / State:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Are you a member of ISAAC?

Yes

No

If relevant, which Chapter of ISAAC?

What is your first language?

Section 2: Curriculum Vitae

A PDF version of your curriculum vitae must be included with the completed application. Please make sure the CV is not longer than two pages. Include all details regarding academic qualifications and current employment related to AAC. Please note that in order to qualify for this grant, 20% of your time must be related to AAC. Please make sure that a Letter of Attestation (see p. 4) is completed by your immediate supervisor.

SECTION 3: CAREER GOALS

3(a) Please specify your professional designation and area of focus:

3(b) In one paragraph, briefly outline how your work supports the field of AAC (maximum 200 words):

3(c) How do you expect your attendance at ISAAC Conference 2018 will benefit your employer, yourself, and others (maximum 200 words)?

4. STATEMENT OF ATTESTATION

Please provide us with a statement of attestation by a supervisor or other person who knows your work, and who can verify your professional involvement in the field of AAC:

I, is hereby certify that

Name of Supervisor

Name of Applicant

working at and is spending a minimum of 20% of

Name of Organization

his/her time devoted to the field of AAC as required in application for this Travel Award.

Signature of supervisor:

Date:

Email contact:

5. STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE:

I, declare that the information provided in this application is true

Name of Applicant

at the time of writing. I understand that by submitting this application, if successful I am committed to completing my registration and attending the ISAAC Biennial Conference on Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia, between July 21st -26th, 2018.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

7. Checklist for Submission:

Completed and signed application form (including all required signatures)

2-page CV with required details

Agreement to provide completed Experience Summary no later than August 31st, 2018

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