



New Professionals' Travel Assistance Grant for Attending the ISAAC 2014 Biennial Conference – Sponsored by AssistiveWare $^{\otimes}$ 

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Toronto, Ontario – February 21, 2014 – ISAAC, the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, and AssistiveWare<sup>®</sup> are pleased to announce the creation of a travel assistance grant for new professionals in the field of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) to attend and participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of ISAAC, which will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, July 19 - 24, 2014. Thanks to the generous support from AssistiveWare<sup>®</sup>, this new grant program is now open for application submissions as part of the ISAAC Awards & Scholarships Program.

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

For Conference 2014 there will be a maximum of four (4) grants, at CDN\$500.00 per grant. Please note that applicants must be ISAAC members in good standing who meet the criteria for this competitive award. Details can be found <a href="here">here</a> on the <a href="ISAAC website">ISAAC website</a>. Successful applicants will be eligible for the early-bird registration rate.

Application forms and supporting documentation must be submitted by email to Franklin Smith, ISAAC Executive Director <a href="mailto:franklin@isaac-online.org">franklin@isaac-online.org</a> by 22:00 GMT on March 14, 2014. Applicants will be advised of the outcome by March 28, 2014.

Focused on its vision to empower people through innovative technology, <u>AssistiveWare</u>® proudly works in close collaboration with end users and professionals to offer a wide-range of cutting-edge assistive technology products and service solutions for individuals with physical, vision, communication, and reading impairments.

The <u>International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication</u> (ISAAC) works to improve the lives of children and adults who use AAC. ISAAC's vision is that AAC will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world. ISAAC's mission is to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.