

IROS Student and Developing Countries Travel Award (IROS-SDC Travel Award)

Description: The purpose of this IROS Student and Developing Countries (SDC) Travel Award is to assist *student authors* and *authors from developing countries* to defray some of their travel costs in order to attend and present their papers at the IROS conference and to interact with conference attendees. This IROS-SDC Travel Award aims to promote the growth of IROS conferences by reaching out to graduate students and members from the developing countries.

This IROS-SDC Travel Award Initiative will start from IROS 2018 for a period of 5 years. Future funding after IROS 2022 will require an approval from the IROS Steering Committee.

Administration:

- (a) The IROS Award Chair and the IROS Conference Chair will jointly appoint an IROS-SDC Travel Award Committee Chair for a period of 3 years to administer the award, including the evaluation of applications and the distribution of travel fund.
- (b) The IROS-SDC Travel Award Chair will select six members appropriately among the three geographical regions. Each year, one-third (1/3) of the committee members will be rotated out and replaced with new committee members from appropriate regions.
- (c) The IROS-SDC Travel Award Committee and Chair will administer the award according to the IEEE Conflicts of Interest (COI) Policy.

Eligibility: Applicants must satisfy the following two eligibility requirements:

- (a) Student authors (of accepted papers) or authors from developing countries (developing countries as defined by IEEE in [IAWP Developing Country Listing](#)).
- (b) Must be student members or members of IEEE RAS/IES, or RSJ, or SICE.
(Note: Members of other IEEE Societies are not eligible.)

Award Amount: Partial travel support up to US\$600 or 80% of the applicant's air travel, whichever is smaller.

Funds: Up to US\$50K annually. Sponsored by the co-sponsoring societies of IROS.

Basis for Judging: Factors to be considered are:

- (a) Priority of funding will be given to eligible applicants who have not received the IROS-SDC travel award in the last three years.
- (b) Authors are the first author of the accepted papers and will be presenting the papers at the IROS conference.

Announcement: A notification of the IROS-SDC Travel Award and the process of its application will be announced at the IROS Conference website before the paper submission deadline (i.e., March 1).

During and post Conference Announcement: All the awardees will be posted on the conference website during and after the conference.

IROS-SDC Travel Award Renewal:

This IROS-SDC Travel Award, if approved, will run from IROS 2018 through IROS 2022. If we want to include the \$50K travel fund as an expense item in the conference budget for IROS 2023, we will need to approve the IROS 2023 conference budget as well as extending this IROS-SDC Travel Award past IROS 2022.