

Student Travel Grant to Support Attendance at IAH Congresses and Conferences
United States National Chapter – International Association of Hydrogeologists

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The US Chapter of the International Association of Hydrogeologists (USIAH) has set aside funding for student travel grants to support attendance at International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH) Congresses. Students who have participated in these events have benefitted immensely. We also realize that these meetings can be relatively expensive, typically involving international travel. Consequently, we announce that USIAH will award one or two student travel grants each year to assist student participant(s) in IAH Congresses.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a currently enrolled student at a university in the US and are expected to submit and present a scientific abstract at the meeting. To apply for support, the student must:

- 1) Submit a 1-page letter requesting travel support to the USIAH briefly explaining their need for travel assistance and how they will benefit from attending the event;
- 2) Include the abstract of their presentation (they can, of course, have co-authors);
- 3) Have a US passport for meetings outside the USA;
- 4) Provide a letter of endorsement from a faculty advisor; this should be submitted separately by the advisor to the same email address as the rest of the application (see below).

The USIAH will reimburse the student(s) for meeting registration, lodging, and travel (airfare to the meeting city and transport to the conference venue) upon submittal of expense receipts. Each year, the program will award a maximum of \$2000. This will either be in the form of one grant for Congresses outside of North America, or two grants up to a maximum of \$1000 each for Congresses within North America. Parallel support from the student's home institution or faculty advisor is not required, but is strongly encouraged. We anticipate that most of the awardees will be graduate students, but outstanding undergraduate students will also be considered.

2021 Student Travel Grant

This year, one grant will be awarded for travel expenses up to a maximum of \$2000 for attending the 48th IAH Congress in Brussels, Belgium September 6-10, 2021. Deadline for submission of applications is **May 14, 2021**. We apologize for this very short notice, but the program was just initiated, and we would like to inform applicants of the award decision prior to the abstract submission deadline of May 23rd, 2021.

Selection of awardees: The award announcement described above will also include a request for members to search for outstanding student applicants and encourage them to apply. A member of the Student Travel Grant Committee will also contact students whose research grant proposals were recognized as outstanding by the Hydrogeology Division of the Geological

Society of America (our cooperating society) and their advisors. Awards will be chosen by the USIAH Student Travel Grant Committee.

Application Submission:

Application materials will be submitted by email to the chair of the USIAH Student Travel Grant Committee. Please email materials or questions to Adam Milewski at the University of Georgia (milewski@uga.edu) with the filename: *IAH_Award_YourLastName*

Award Disbursement:

Each recipient will be directly reimbursed for their travel expenses up to the maximum award amount. Reimbursable expenses include meeting registration, lodging, airfare, and ground/local transportation to get to/from the meeting venue. Recipients can either submit one set of all travel receipts after the meeting or two sets of travel receipts - one before the meeting for pre-paid expenses (typically including meeting registration and airfare) and one following the meeting for remaining expenses (typically including lodging and local transportation). Receipts should be submitted to the USIAC Treasurer along with the recipient's mailing address, and a reimbursement check then will be mailed by the Treasurer to the recipient.