

Committee on Conference Sponsorships and Student Awards

Report for the four-year period: 2019-2023

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2019

In 2019, IPA Student Awards, Travel Bursaries and Gösta Bruce Scholarships were awarded exclusively to student or other eligible members attending ICPHS: details are available in our previous report at:

https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/sites/default/files/officers_reports/2019/Committee_on_Conference_Sponsorships_and_Student_Awards_report_2019_final.pdf

2020-2022

Due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, many conferences were cancelled or postponed. Following a proposal by Pat Keating and email approval by Council members, we adapted the IPA Student Awards scheme to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic by providing funding for virtual participation in online conferences, without the usual requirement that the applicant must have had a paper accepted. The CCSSA committee worked out a detailed scheme, which was agreed with the Treasurer, and which came into effect on 15 September 2020 and continued in 2021. Two announcements were made (14/9/2020 and 30/5/2021) informing student members that the International Phonetic Association was offering IPA Student Awards to student members presenting or attending conferences (virtual or physical). Priority was given to students presenting their research at conferences. Students participating at conferences as auditors could receive an award on a first come, first served basis. Awards covered the student registration fees up to a maximum of 200 Euros per award. For conferences taking place in Autumn 2020, the early bird or standard fees were funded; for events in 2021, the early bird registration fees were covered.

On January 9, 2022 the CCSSA committee made a general announcement about the IPA Student Award Scheme providing information to conference organisers about co-sponsorship and inviting them to contact the CCSSA committee to discuss the terms of the co-sponsorship. The CCSSA committee disseminated this information further by contacting several conference organisers.

2023

The CCSSA prepared a proposal for IPA Awards for ICPHS 2023 which was agreed with the IPA President and Treasurer and sent out to Council for discussion. The proposal was unanimously approved by a majority of Council (23 votes) on 19/9/2022.

The proposal was for the following types of awards:

1. IPA Student Awards to cover the early bird student registration fee and accommodation expenses. Total number of awards = 40, for up to 600 GBP, i.e., total budget for this type of award = 24,000 GBP.
2. Travel bursaries and Gösta Bruce Scholarships to subsidize students' travel costs. Total budget = 9,600 GBP. Awards were for up to 500, 400, or 200 GBP, depending on travel distance (Africa (So. Africa) / Australia: 500 GBP, North America / Asia (Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China): 400 GBP, Europe: 200 GBP). The highest scoring papers were selected for the GB scholarships.

Total budget approved for all awards: 33,600 GBP.

A total of 140 applications were received, 74 for IPA Student Awards and 66 for Travel Bursaries/Gösta Bruce Scholarships. Following paper evaluation by the CCSSA committee, 41 student members received IPA Student Awards and 28 IPA members (student members, unemployed members, members under age 35, members from countries where funding resources are limited) received Travel Bursaries/Gösta Bruce Scholarships for participation in ICPHS 2023. The six highest scoring papers from the Travel Bursary category were selected for the Gösta Bruce Scholarships: three papers on prosody and three on other areas of phonetics as per the terms of the Gösta Bruce Memorial Fund.

Conference co-sponsorship

During 2020 -2022, the IPA has co-sponsored:

- the 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation (TAI) held in Sonderborg, Denmark, originally scheduled for 16-20 August 2020 but postponed to 6-9 December 2021, offering up to five Awards covering the early registration fee for student members and subsidizing the regular early registration fee for other eligible members.
- Speech Prosody 2022, held in Lisbon, Portugal, May 23-26, 2022, offering up to six awards covering the student registration fees.
- the "Lacerda 120 - The 5th International Workshop on the History of Speech Communication Research", held in Porto, Portugal, May 29, 2022, offering up to two Awards covering the student registration fees.

Awards offered per year

2021

One student member, Ander Beristain of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, received an award for participation in the Phonetics and Phonology in Europe 2021 conference, 21-23 June 2021, Barcelona, Spain.

Five student members received IPA Student Awards for their participation in the 1st International Conference on Tone and Intonation (TAI) 2021, 6-9 December 2021, Sonderborg, Denmark. They were: Aljawharah Alzamil (University of York), Maria Lialiou (University of Cologne), Shuting Liu (University of Melbourne), Simona Sbranna (University of Cologne), and Yan Sun (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign).

2022

Six student members received IPA Student Awards for their participation in the Speech Prosody 2022 conference, 23-26 May 2022, Lisbon, Portugal. They were: Lena Borise (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Marita K. Everhardt (University of Groningen), Jiyoung Jang (University of California, Santa Barbara), Anindita Nath (University of Texas at El Paso), Simona Sbranna (University of Cologne), and Liang Zhao (University of York).

Total amount spent for these awards = 1,852.53 GBP

2023

Student and other eligible members received IPA Student Awards, Travel Bursaries and Gösta Bruce Scholarships exclusively for ICPhS 2023.

The 6 awardees for the Gösta Bruce Scholarships were: Francesco Burrioni, Johanna Cronenberg, Claire Honda, Peng Li, Janne Lorenzen, Miriam Oschkinat.

The 22 awardees for the Travel Bursaries were: Terumichi Ariga, Noline Butler, Xuanda Chen, Drew Crosby, Angelo Dian, Alessa Farinella, Max Freeman, Sarah Harper, Claire Honda, Katie Jonard, Tori Keeping, Matthew Kelley, Hyoju Kim, Kirsten Meemann, Dušan Nikolić, Jasmin Devi Nuscheler, Alexandra Pfiffner, Xiaomu Ren, Francesco Rodriguez, Simon Roessig, Tuende Szalay, Liang Zhao.

The 41 awardees for the IPA Student Awards are: Nicholas Aoki, Marc Barnard, Philipp Buech, Jessica Campbell, Changhe Chen, Jessica L. L. Chin, Megan Dailey, Bianca Maria De Paolis, Fengting Du, Sean Foley, Hadley Forst, Kei Furukawa, Amber Galvano, Zhe-chen Guo, Sungwok Hwang, Lucy Jackson, Nelleke Jansen, Ye-Jee Jung, Benjamin Lang, Jiyoung Lee, Hongmei Li, Aini Li, Yanyu Li, Sishi Liao, Youran Lin, Massimo Lipari, Suyuan Liu, Yevgeniy Melguy, Marine Mouquet, Thomas Packer-Stucki, Lena Pagel, Kyle Parrish, Maida Percival, Lavinia Price, Claudia Raines, Jae-Eun Shin, Malin Spaniol, Abhilasha Thakuria, Xinyi Wen, Heather Weston, Xiaotong Xi.

In total, 69 awards were offered by the Association for ICPHS 2023 for a total budget of 34,000 GBP (24,600 for Student Awards and 9,400 for Travel Bursaries/ Gösta Bruce Scholarships).

Webform for applications

A webform was prepared by our IPA webmaster, Kayoko Yanagisawa, which facilitated the application procedure. Applicants can upload their papers/abstracts, other required documents (e.g., acceptance letter), and include contact information, conference name and location, supervisor name, etc. Student status can be checked, data can be exported in a spreadsheet, and acceptance/rejection emails can be sent to applicants. The webform has been revised for ICPHS and additional webforms were prepared for supplementary information. Overall, the application procedure has been handled very efficiently with the use of the webforms.

Issues for consideration and future action

Two issues included in our last report are still current, i.e. dissemination of the IPA policy for conference co-sponsoring, and use of unspent funds in a specific year. We need to consider ways to increase the number of applications for conference co-sponsoring and the number of IPA student awards offered per year in non ICPHS years. We also need to examine how to use unspent funds in a specific year.