

## Travel Grants

IEEE CNS 2019, along with NSF, ARO, IEEE, and other sponsors, would like to encourage student participation at the conference. With the support of NSF and ARO, CNS 2019 will be able to partially support the travel, accommodation, and registration costs of student registrants who might otherwise be unable to attend the conference.

All eligible applications will be considered, especially female and under-represented minority students. We also encourage those who do not have a paper in the conference but wish to attend, to submit a travel grant application. We anticipate funding approximately 20-25 students at a rate of \$1200 per student. The number and amount of awards will be determined based on the available funding and the applications received.

## Types of Grants

The IEEE CNS 2019 conference is pleased to announce the availability of the following types of student travel grants (students are eligible to apply to both types):

- A.** NSF and ARO travel grant opportunity for **US-based students and junior faculty and researchers.**
- B.** Travel grants sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society for students only.

## Eligibility Requirements

Following the application guidelines below, a student or junior researcher may apply to one or both categories for which she/he is eligible. The eligibility criteria for each category are:

- A.** These student travel grants are sponsored by the U.S. National Science Foundation and Army Research Office. To qualify, a student must be a graduate student studying in an accredited U.S. institution at the time of attending CNS 2019.
- B.** These student travel grants are sponsored by the IEEE Communications Society. Applications are invited from qualified full-time graduate students. To qualify, a student must (i) be an author of an accepted conference paper and presents the paper at the conference; (ii) be a valid Student Member of the ComSoc at the time of application; (iii) be a full-time student registered toward a Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D. degree in engineering or related field in a college or university when submitting the application; (iv) applicant may not receive more than one IEEE ComSoc STG in any 12-month period.
- C.** This year, we will have limited support for junior researchers (postdoctoral researchers and junior faculty). A junior researcher applying for the travel grant has to be affiliated with an accredited U.S. institution at the time of attending CNS 2019. Junior researcher travel is sponsored by the Army Research Office.

Note that travel grant recipients must submit valid receipts for reimbursement after the conference. Only airfare on a US-based carrier will be reimbursed.

## Application Materials

Applicants should create their application as a **single PDF file**, following the format described below. Direct links to the submission (based on the eligibility criteria above) on the following links:

A. NSF and ARO for students: <https://edas.info/G.php?g=619>

B. IEEE ComSoc: <https://edas.info/G.php?g=619>

C. ARO for junior researcher: <https://edas.info/G.php?g=620>

An application for a travel grant will consist of:

- A request letter from the student or applicant (see below).
- CV of the applicant.
- A supporting letter from the graduate advisor (for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers only; junior faculty does not need to provide a supporting letter).
- Expected expenses (broken down as registration, travel, and lodging). It is anticipated that travel grants will partially cover these overall costs.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The request letter from the student should include the following information:

- Name
- Affiliation
- Address
- Type of applicant (junior faculty, postdoc, PhD, MS, undergraduate, etc.)
- A clear indication of the type(s) of travel grant the applicant is applying for (A and/or B)
- Number of years that the applicant has been in the current program, and expected date of completion of degree (for students only)
- Name and email address of advisor (for students and postdoctoral researchers)
- Title and Authors of paper presenting at CNS 2019 conference, if applicable.
- A short statement (maximum 250 words) describing briefly why the applicant wants to attend CNS 2019.

The advisor's recommendation letter for the student or postdoctoral researcher should include:

- Confirmation that junior researcher or student is a full-time postdoc, Ph.D., or M.S. candidate in good academic standing at the given institution.
- Explain how this particular researcher/student would benefit from attendance at the conference.
- The strengths and potential contributions of the student.
- Confirm the financial need for the student to attend the conference

**Deadlines and Dates**

Application due **April 15th, 2019**;  
Award decisions made to the applicants: **April 30, 2019**.

**Awards**

Travel grant awardees are required to provide taxpayer information (e.g., SSNs in the US) if applicable.

**Contact**

If you have a question, please contact the Student Travel Grant Chairs, Kai Zeng (kzeng2@gmu.edu) and Yao Liu (yliu21@mail.usf.edu).