



ISH and ISH Endowment Matsuyama Congress Student Travel Awards

Purpose and value of the awards

The International Society of Hymenopterists (ISH) has created these awards to support and encourage postgraduate students working on the systematics, ecology, physiology or some other aspect of the insect order Hymenoptera, which is being undertaken as part of a postgraduate program (MSc, PhD or equivalent qualification). They will be advertised on a regular basis through the Society. For this round, the Society has allocated funds for four USD1,500 travel awards, and the Endowment has allocated funds for one USD 1,500 travel award, specifically to attend the ISH Congress in Matsuyama City, Japan, (23-27 July 2018). To be eligible for one of these travel awards a student must give a poster or oral presentation at the Congress. Supervisors must be able to state that applicants are registered graduate students at their institution, who have not submitted their theses by the due date, 28 February 2018.

The five awards have been divided into two categories with different eligibility criteria as outlined below:

Three awards restricted to current ISH members:

Only full-time postgraduate students are eligible to apply and they must be members of the Society.

Two awards restricted to applicants from certain countries:

Only full-time postgraduate students are eligible to apply and they do not have to be members of the Society, but must be enrolled for their postgraduate studies at an institution within a country OTHER THAN THE 30 MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES as listed by the UN Development Program: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Luxemburg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States.

Application process

The application needs to be written in English, in a font no smaller than times new roman 12 point, single-spaced, with one inch (2.5 cm) margins. The application needs to contain the following Information:

- Full name
- Institutional address
- Telephone number and email address
- Name and email address of principal supervisor/major professor
- Degree program (PhD, etc); title of research project
- Time since starting this degree (years and months)
- Title and Abstract for the Congress poster/oral presentation
- Budget for attending the Congress (including the USD1,500 award and other possible sources of funding)
- Explanation of how the award will enhance the student's research (500 words max.)
- Statement of student professional and outreach activities (250 words max.)
- Endorsement letter from principal supervisor/major professor

Obligation after the Congress: The awardees will be expected to write a short report about their experiences during the Matsuyama Congress for inclusion in *Hamuli*, the newsletter of the International Society of Hymenopterists.

Deadline and selection process: Applications must be emailed to the Secretary of the Society, Natalie Dale-Skey (n.dale-skey@nhm.ac.uk) by **28th February 2018** as an attached Word document or pdf file. A committee of three senior members of the Society will assess the applications and select the winners. The decision of the committee will be final. The winners will be announced by the President of the Society.