

International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement

Call for Applications GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement announces this year's Call for Applications for Graduate Student Scholarships. Ten recipients will each receive \$500 to support their participation in the 2016 IARSLCE Conference in Galway, Ireland. Scholarship recipients fall into two categories: (a) early graduate students and (b) advanced graduate students. A total of ten scholarships will be awarded across the two categories. Within each category, at least one scholarship will be awarded to an international graduate student based outside the US.

Background:

The International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement values graduate student participation, scholarship, and leadership in the work of understanding and advancing community engagement, across all approaches (e.g., service-learning, political engagement, field-based internships, community-based research, community-engaged research) and all educational sectors (primary, secondary, and higher education as well as informal educational settings). We define "research" broadly to include work--grounded in any paradigm of scholarly endeavor--that critically and systematically investigates questions facing this transdisciplinary field of study in order to deepen knowledge and associated practice and policy. The purpose of our graduate student scholarship process is to encourage, catalyze, support, share, and leverage high quality graduate student research and scholarship.

Application packet:

1. Name, mailing address, phone number, and email address
2. Institution, department, and advisor/program director
3. Date of entry into graduate program & date of anticipated graduation; are you a full-time or part-time graduate student?
4. Degree objective (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, EdD)
5. Have you previously received the Graduate Student Scholarship? If yes, please note the year(s) awarded.
6. Thesis, major paper/project, or dissertation topic (if known)
7. Did you submit a proposal to the 2017 IARSLCE Conference?
8. Describe your actual or potential involvement with the IARSLCE Graduate Student Network (<http://www.researchslce.org/our-committees/#gsn>)
9. If you are receiving support for attendance at the 2017 conference through other sources (scholarships, grants, awards) please indicate the source and amount.
10. Personal statement:

- a. **Early Graduate Students:** A single-spaced statement not to exceed 500 words that clearly: 1) identifies research areas of interest and plans for pursuing them; 2) gives specific examples of how attendance at the conference will benefit the applicant's research and graduate education; and 3) explains how the applicant has been or is currently involved with service-learning and/or community engagement research and/or practice.

- b. **Advanced Graduate Students:** A single-spaced statement not to exceed 500 words that clearly: 1) identifies a research project, including research question and methods; 2) gives specific examples of how attendance at the conference will benefit the applicant's current and/or future research, remaining graduate education, and professional goals; and 3) explains how the applicant has been or is currently involved with service-learning and/or community engagement research and/or practice.

Application process:

Applications for 2017 graduate student scholarships are due by Wednesday April 5th, 2017 and should be submitted electronically to info@researchslce.org. Materials are reviewed by a selection committee composed of previous scholarship recipients, the Chair(s) of the IARSLCE Recognitions Committee, representatives from the Graduate Student Network, IARSLCE members, and IARSLCE Board members; the IARSLCE Board receives and approves committee recommendations. All applicants will be notified of their status in mid May to early June. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the conference (September 14-16, 2017, in Galway, Ireland). Scholarship checks will be awarded at the conference.