

Instructions for ISCEV Travel Grant Applications:

ISCEV awards travel grants to assist colleagues who would otherwise be unable to attend the ISCEV International symposium. There are currently a minimum of six travel grants, at least three to applicants from the ISCEV region¹ of the symposium and at least three overseas grants. Additional grants may be awarded based on the quality of applications when sufficient budget is available. Travel grants have a value of €500 or €1000 (Euro) for regional and overseas travel respectively². The grants programme does not expect to provide full support but hopefully will provide sufficient assistance that grant-recipients will be able to find local funds for the remainder of the symposium costs. Recipients also receive a free membership to ISCEV for the current year and a reduced registration fee offered by the local organizers. Applicants who are not awarded grants retain the privilege of registering without a late fee, if the early registration deadline has passed.

Applications are made **directly to the Secretary-General** and will be considered by the ISCEV Awards Committee, which comprises the Secretary General and the three regional ISCEV Vice-Presidents. Applications must contain:

- An **abstract** for presentation at the symposium. This should be submitted **online to the symposium organisers AND** sent separately by email to the Secretary-General (see below).
- A statement of circumstances from the applicant describing his/her experience in clinical electrophysiology of vision and the reason for requesting financial assistance. If the applicant is a student or junior member, an additional letter of support from the supervisor is required.

There are no absolute criteria for travel grants; the awards committee will consider scientific merit, the relevance of the submitted abstract to the symposium topics and the benefits to the applicant of participation in the symposium. Repeat applications from previously-successful applicants, multiple applications from the same laboratory, and applications from investigators with more than 5 years of experience in clinical electrophysiology are discouraged.

The deadline for travel grant applications is normally **earlier than the deadline for abstract submissions**. As well as submitting an application to the Secretary general, applicants should also submit their abstract separately following the instructions on the Symposium website.

Specific deadlines are posted on the Symposium website linked to the ISCEV website <u>www.iscev.org</u>

Send enquiries and applications to the ISCEV General-Secretary Ruth Hamilton <u>secretary-general@iscev.org</u>

¹ The ISCEV Regions are: The Americas, Europe and Africa and Asia and Oceania

² For the 2010 Symposium in Perth Australia, all applicants from beyond Australia will be classed as overseas.