Student Travel Assistance Grants (IEEE SmartCloud 2017)

SmartCloud 2017 provides selected students with travel funding supports, which focuses on assisting undergraduate/graduate levels students, especially under-represented students, who are interested in the research of cloud computing or have a passion for future cloud-related research work. The purpose of this fund is to attract most passionate young scholars to have opportunities to involve in the academic event in the field of cloud computing and continuously drive the growth of the cloud computing and smart computing community. The registration would give awarded students access to all co-located events.

Applicant Eligibility

- The student must have registered the conference IEEE SmartCloud 2017. Students need to submit application forms for either presenters or attendees.
- The student must be currently enrolled in a **full-time** program at an accredited institution **in the United States**.
- The student will submit a trip report describing the experience at the conference and the benefit of attending, which is required for travel reimbursement.
- The funding will be used for student travel-related expenses such as airfare, hotel, etc. The amounts will be varied according to actual needs.
- Applicants must demonstrate personal research in cloud computing or have at least one paper accepted by the conference.
- This award is one-time only and is not renewable. Priority consideration will be applied if applicant is an under-represented student.
- This fund is for students who would not have the opportunity attending SmartCloud 2017 without this funding. If the student is funded on a Federal Grant, they may not be supplemented. There are travel funds built in to those awards.

Application Materials

All application materials should be in a PDF format, which need to be sent to kekegai@smart-com.org.

- A proof document of current student enrolment in an US institute.
- A student's academic resume.

- A letter from the student.
  The letter should include the following information: name, affiliation, email, telephone, mail address, a statement of research (up to 1000 words), a description of aspects reflected in SmartCloud 2017 that could impact the student's research, the reason why SmartCloud 2017 is important to the student, and the expected outcomes from attending the conference. A claim that the student is not currently supported by any US Federal grant must be included.
- A letter from the student's supervisor.
  This letter should include the following information: whether the student is a graduate student status, whether the conference scope is matching the student's research area, whether the student will receive benefits from attending the conference, and supervisor's name, affiliation, email, and mail address.

Important Dates

Student Travel Grant Application Deadline: October 15th, 2017
Award Notification Date: October 20th, 2017
Reimbursement Deadline (Needs all documents, such as receipts and trip report): November 5th, 2017

The student will submit a trip report describing the experience at the conference, which is required for travel reimbursement. The reimbursements may take up to two months.

Selection Criteria:

The conference committee will use the following explicit criteria for selections:

- Priority will be given to students who ordinarily could not attend, e.g., students without accepted papers in the main conference or workshops, or students with accepted papers but without support from their supervisor through other grants.

- The committee will evaluate the merits of accepted papers and the research performance when selecting the travel grant recipients.

- Diversity shall be considered in the process of selections