2011 IAF Youth Grants Programme
- Announcement -

The International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is pleased to announce its 2011 Youth Grant Programme that provides opportunities for students and young professionals to participate the annual International Astronautical Congresses organised by the IAF as well as in other IAF activities.

The young people selected to participate in the 2011 IAF Youth Grant Programme will participate in the 62nd International Astronautical Congress (IAC) scheduled to take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 3 to 7 October 2011. The individuals selected will also be given the opportunity to participate in other activities held the week prior and during the Congress.

Students and Young Professionals between the ages of 21 and 35 on 1 January 2011 with space-related career interests are encouraged to apply for the programme. Six students and six young professionals will be selected by the IAF to participate in the 2011 programme.

Who should consider applying?

- Individuals interested in pursuing careers involving the development, application and use of space systems, space science research, the policy, legal, social and cultural aspects of space activities, international cooperation on space programs and other similar subjects.
- Persons who - for financial, sponsorship or other reasons - would not otherwise be able to attend an International Astronautical Congress. Note: Candidates may apply regardless of their home country or current residence. While all applications will be considered, the IAF through this programme seeks to encourage the participation of young people in nations with emerging space capabilities and interests who would otherwise not be able to attend an International Astronautical Congress.
- Young people who wish to meet and interact with other colleagues from around the world with similar interests.
- Individuals who hope to utilise the knowledge and experiences they gain during the IAC in their own careers and in enhancing space and related activities in their home countries.

What does the grant include?

- Round trip air fare between the candidate's home country and Cape Town, South Africa.
- Support (in kind-services or funding) for local transportation, lodging and meals during the candidate's stay in Cape Town, South Africa.
- Assistance with visa arrangements provided by the IAC Local Organising Committee and the Government of South Africa.
- Registration in the 62nd International Astronautical Congress as well as the Space Generation Congress (29 September - 1 October 2011) and the 2011 UN/IAF Workshop on "Space for Human and Environmental Security" (30 September - 1 October 2011).
- Assignment of an experienced volunteer "mentor" to provide advice on Congress activities before the IAC, to meet with the grant recipient during the IAC and to follow the recipient's career and activities upon returning to his/her home country. A student or young professional advisor with previous IAC experience and planning to attend the 62nd IAC will also be assigned to help each grant recipient benefit fully from the Congress and related meetings.

Application Deadline: 1 February 2011

For detailed information, application process and requirements and to download our “IAF 2011 Youth Grants Handbook”, please visit www.iafastro.org/youthgrants.