

International Association for the Study of Irish Literatures

Notes for Applicants for Conference Scholarships

Purpose of grant

Two Scholarships are available for the annual IASIL conference, to be held at Université Charles de Gaulle – Lille 3, Lille, France, July 14-18, 2014.

The Scholarship will cover:

- Travel expenses for Economy Flights according to the maximum detailed in the travel cost bands. Costs will be reimbursed on production of receipts evidencing purchase of an Economy Flight ticket.
- The conference dinner.
- conference fees.
- a contribution of €300 towards single room accommodation for five nights (to be arranged by the student)

Please note that this application must be submitted **no later than 17th March 2014**. Applications (via e-mail attachment only) to Shaun Richards, c.s.richards@staffs.ac.uk.

Eligibility

- The Scholarship is available for full or part-time students following research degrees (e.g PhD) in Irish Literatures. **Students on taught research degrees (e.g. MA) are not eligible to apply. Postdoctoral students are also not eligible.**
- The Scholarship is only available to students whose conference paper is accepted by the conference organisers..
- The Scholarship is only available to students who are members of IASIL

All applicants please note: results will be issued approximately six weeks after the closing date. Please ensure that you have allowed sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements, should your application be successful. If you are awarded a scholarship but decide not to attend the conference you must inform IASIL immediately so that funds can be allocated elsewhere if necessary. Failure to do so may jeopardise any future application to IASIL.

Application and assessment procedures

Applicants are required to select one referee and ensure that the supporting statement from their chosen referee arrives at IASIL by the closing date. An application cannot be considered for an award unless the proposal and the reference have been received at IASIL on or before the closing date. Applications will be assessed by an international panel of subject specialists.

There is no bar to holding or applying for a conference scholarship at the same time as a research grant.

Feedback is not a feature of the Conference Scholarship scheme, and IASIL is, regrettably, unable to enter into correspondence regarding the decisions of the awarding panel. **Please note** that by applying, applicants undertake to accept the terms under which applications are assessed.

How to complete the form

*Please type/word-process throughout. Applicants may, if they wish, paste word-processed text on to the printed application form; or they may reproduce the entire form in a convenient word-processing package, provided that the layout and content of the printed version are followed exactly. Please use **Arial 10 pt font size** for your answers to the questions. Please note the length of the application form is three sides of A4. Please respect the regulations regarding font size and length. Applications that fail to meet the regulations will not be considered.*

- §1 Please note that this form must be submitted by the closing date of **17th March 2014**
- §2 Please note that all correspondence will be sent to the named applicant at the address specified on the form. Do **not** send the c.v. of the applicant. MA and Postdoctoral students are **not eligible** to apply for support from IASIL, and applicants are asked to confirm that they are currently working towards a PhD (or equivalent) which is yet to be submitted and not awaiting the outcome of a *viva voce* examination, nor awaiting the acceptance of any corrections required by the examiners
- §3 Please give the short title of your paper and provide a summary of the contents. Please provide **sufficient detail** for assessors to be able to evaluate the academic merit of your paper/poster and the benefit in your attending the conference.
- §4 Please supply information the relevance of the conference to your research interests, and explain why it is important for you to attend the conference.
- §5 Please provide details of other support given or applied for in connection with the current proposal. IASIL has no objection to its scholarships being held in conjunction with awards from other bodies, provided that there is no duplication of expenditure, and IASIL's scholarship is used primarily to cover travel costs. Applicants are requested to keep IASIL informed of the outcomes of any other applications.
- §6 Your referee should be able to give an informed view of your research and its progress, the quality and value of your proposed paper/poster, and the value of the conference to your research project.

***Assessment criteria:** Assessors will evaluate the proposal on the basis of the academic quality of the paper to be delivered/participation in postgraduate workshop, and the relevance of the event to the applicant's research interests.*

- §7 Please sign and date your application form. Please note that signing the application form constitutes confirmation that the information provided is complete and accurate, and acceptance of all terms, conditions and notices contained in the Notes for Applicants.

Subsequent discovery of any deliberate falsehood will automatically render the application null and void. If an award has been made, IASIL will require a full refund.

What to do next

Please complete sections 1 and 2 on the referee's form and send it together with a copy of your application to your referee. The reference should be returned directly to IASIL by the closing date. It is **your responsibility** to inform your referee of the closing date and to ensure that the reference is submitted by the due date. Applicants are advised that an application cannot be considered for an award unless the reference has been received by the closing date. **Please allow your referee sufficient time to write his/her report.** Faxed references are not accepted.

Please send your application as an e-mail attachment to IASIL at c.s.richards@staffs.ac.uk

The application form (and reference) must arrive at the above address by the closing date in order for the proposal to be considered, and no exceptions will be made to this rule.

Outcome of application

Please note applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application approximately **six weeks after** the closing date.