

## Scholarship to attend and present at 22<sup>nd</sup> ISTRO International Conference, Virginia Beach, USA

### *The conference*

ISTRO promotes engagement among scientists working with and researching soil tillage, field traffic and their relationship with soil, environment, land use and crop production. The conference is the opportunity for the community to meet each other, share their research, see application in practice and to stimulate new ideas. The theme of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ISTRO International Conference is 'Living Roots, Living Soil.' It will run from 23-27 September 2024 in Virginia Beach, VA, USA.

### *Funding supports*

ISTRO offers financial support to support attendance at its international conferences. The following scholarships and supports are available:

1. 1 x \$2000 Cees van Ouwerkerk Scholarship, open to young researchers from any country (under 40 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024).
2. 1 x \$1500 Elsevier Scholarship, open to young researchers from any country (under 40 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024).
3. 20 x \$1500 ISTRO Scholarships open to researchers in the following categories:
  - a. At least 8 scholarships for young researchers EXCLUDING those based in high-income countries (under 40 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024)(high-income countries can be found at <https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519>
  - b. At least 8 scholarships for research graduate students (normally doctoral students) currently fully enrolled in a university or equivalent degree awarding institution (any age, any country)
  - c. Up to 4 scholarships for young researchers from any country (under 40 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024).

The scholarship will pay for the conference registration fees and 5 nights in the conference hotel.

Awardees will be selected based on:

- (1) Academic merit; (2) Geographical spread (maximum 2 awardees per country).

### Eligibility criteria:

- An applicant must be an ISTRO member. Non-members should join ISTRO before applying, otherwise their application will not be considered.
- An applicant must have reasonable expectation of being able to travel to USA in September 2024
- Applicants should have a letter of support from their Departmental Chair/Head of Department/equivalent senior manager stating that the funds will be available to enable travel to the USA and to cover necessary subsistence costs for the duration of the conference.

Potential applicants with access to sufficient finances to attend the conference (e.g., fully funded PhD students or post-docs, faculty with personal allowances, etc.) should not apply for these scholarships.

### To apply:

Applicants should provide a letter of motivation also documenting their current circumstances and position, attaching elements that will allow their application to be evaluated by a committee of ISTRO Board members (e.g. recent journal or conference publications, a curriculum vitae listing education, activities and outputs, and the abstract for a paper to be presented at the 2024 ISTRO Conference) and a letter confirming the necessary finances are available to attend the conference. These documents must be submitted by e-mail to the Assistant Secretary-General (Jose Dorner) and to the chair of the evaluation committee (Nick Holden) [josedorner@uach.cl](mailto:josedorner@uach.cl) and [nick.holden@ucd.ie](mailto:nick.holden@ucd.ie) by ~~December 31, 2023~~ **FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> 2024**.