

MICCAI Main Conference and MICCAI Satellite Event

Participation Grants 2022

Definition and Guidelines; Last Updated: 5 July 2022

Purpose of the Grant

The MICCAI Main Conference and MICCAI Satellite Events Participation Grants aim to provide financial support for members, including both students and early-career scientists, to participate in MICCAI 2022. It is expected that author students will already be considered by the [MICCAI Student Travel Awards](#)¹, aimed at the highest scoring first author students, as well as author students from lower-income countries, who are presenting at the main MICCAI conference. These additional MICCAI Participation Grants are therefore aimed at non-author students and early career researchers, from diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to lower-income countries and countries where few papers are received. Diversity here is used as a short form for “Equality, Diversity and Inclusion”, encompassing a wider range of underrepresented characteristics in the scientific community. A portion of the grant will be dedicated to researchers in Southeast Asia in order to encourage future participation from this region in the MICCAI community.

Grant Eligibility

- For student applicants, proof of student status needs to be provided at the time of conference registration. An applicant is considered to be a student if they were a student at a recognized university or degree granting institution at the time of the early bird conference registration deadline (August 1st). Proof of student status under the above definition will be requested and if challenged, the final decision of eligibility will be decided by the MICCAI Awards Coordinator. A student selected for a grant should submit a letter from their research supervisor to confirm student status. Alternatively, an email from the supervisor will be sufficient.
- An applicant is considered to be an early-career scientist if they are not yet on a tenured post or obtained their Ph.D. within 2 years at the time of the early bird conference registration deadline.
- Expressed interest in MICCAI research topics, such as:
 - Masters or Ph.D. research topic
 - University programme enrolled in

¹All MICCAI 2022 Awards and Grants will be given in form of MICCAI 2022 registration voucher and hotel voucher

- Previous publications in the field
- Past attendance of MICCAI conferences
- Accepted papers for MICCAI 2022 satellite events
- Optional² diversity information can be submitted by the applicant, where any the following could be taken into consideration:
 - Residence in low-income, lower-middle-income, or upper-middle-income economies using the [World Bank classification](#) (resolved via the student's university affiliation)
 - Ethnicity
 - Gender identity
 - Disability
 - Other

The online form to collect the applicant's information will not be prescriptive in the diversity terms used and instead will allow own descriptions provided by the applicant. Due to the potentially sensitive nature of this diversity information, it will only be collected directly from the student applicant via the online form, not passed on to anyone outside of the selection committee, and only be used for the purpose of grant selection and data will be purged after the conference.

Grant Coordination

The MICCAI Society Secretariat will oversee the selection process which is to be conducted in a fair manner. An awards committee will be set up for this purpose, with representation from the MICCAI Student Board, the MICCAI Society Diversity Working Group, Women in MICCAI, and the MICCAI 2022 Conference Organisation, and will be chaired by the MICCAI Society Awards Coordinator. The final draft of the grant recipients should be sent to the MICCAI Society Secretariat before formal notification is sent to the students.

Timing of the Process

The selection and notification process should be completed in time for the students to collect the supervisor's confirmation and register by the deadline indicated below. If a grantee does not register by this deadline, the grant will be withdrawn and given to the next eligible candidate.

The tentative timeline is as follows:

² This grant is partially funded by The National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering grant R13EB032243. The grant supports the participation of U.S.-based scientists to attend MICCAI 2022, prioritizing members from underrepresented populations at MICCAI. This includes women, ethnic and racial minorities, people with disabilities, people from disadvantaged backgrounds, and underrepresented professional groups. As such, applicants residing in the USA will be required to submit diversity data.

- 8 July 2022: Announcement of scheme; online form for application opens
- 22 July 2022: Deadline for online applications
- 27 July 2022: Notification of grants awarded
- 1 August 2022: Deadline for student proof or early-career status proof submission and conference registration
- 4 August 2022: Final Decision (replacement for declined grantees)

Announcement

The grantees will be notified by email, and requested to submit confirmation of student or early-career status and complete their registration (see above). A summary slide about the MICCAI Main Conference and MICCAI Satellite Events Participation Grants will be presented at the MICCAI 2022 Award Ceremony. *(Due to the large number of grantees, and potentially sensitive information originally provided, individual names will not be listed.)*

Financing

In 2022, the MICCAI Society will provide no fewer than 20 Participation Grants. This amount is not part of the conference budget. If the grantee opts to attend MICCAI2022 in person, the main conference participation grant covers the in-person main conference registration fee, one year of MICCAI Society membership fee, and accommodation for 2 nights in the conference hotel. If the grantee opts to attend MICCAI2022 virtually, the grant covers the virtual main conference registration fee plus one year of MICCAI Society membership fee. The satellite event participation grant covers the registration fee of one satellite event day of the grantee's choosing (virtual or in person) and one year of MICCAI society membership fee.

Collection of the Grant

Grants will be exclusively given under the form of a conference or satellite event registration discount mechanism to avoid payment of any upfront fees and later reimbursement.

Grantees of the main conference participation grant will be receiving waiver codes to cover conference registration and one-year society membership fees. If elected to participate in person, grantees will also receive 2 nights of accommodation at the conference hotel.

Grantees of the satellite event participation grants will be receiving waiver codes to cover the registration fee of one satellite event day of their choosing and one-year society membership fees.

For either participation grant, grantees will be asked to submit proof of student or early-career status at the time of registration. If they fail to do so, or if a grantee declines the grant, or does

not plan to attend the main conference or satellite event, respectively, their grant should go to the next applicant on the ranking lists. *(The grant cannot be automatically transferred to a student in the same research group.) Final decisions will be given at the latest one week prior to the early bird registration deadline.*

Queries

Queries should be directed to the [MICCAI Society Awards Coordinator](#).