Call for Applications
IAPR RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Description

The International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR) is concerned with pattern recognition, computer vision, and image processing in a broad sense. IAPR Research Scholarships (IAPR RS), awarded by the IAPR through its Education Committee (IAPR-EC), seek to make possible mobility across institutions and international boundaries for Early Career Researchers working in fields within the scope of the IAPR's interests. Through this program, the IAPR sees an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the development of Early Career Researchers as well as the wider Pattern Recognition community.

Covered Expenses, funding and duration

- The scholarship will cover round trip travel to the chosen research institution and basic living expenses.
- The visits will be no longer than 12 months in duration.

Requirements

- The candidate must be a full-time researcher: either a PhD research student who has completed at least one year's study at this level or someone already employed as a full-time researcher who has been active in the field for fewer than eight years and is working at a level equivalent to a post-doctoral researcher.
- The candidate must be member of an IAPR member society.
- The covered travel and housing expenses cannot be funded by another scholarship. If there is a shortfall between the actual costs and the amount covered by the Scholarship, the candidate may seek complementary funding, usually from either the home or the host institution.
- The host institution must be different from the candidate's home institution and should be in a different country.
- The home and host institutions must give explicit approval by a signed letter.
- A successful applicant will be permitted to adopt the title "IAPR International Scholar" for the period of the award.

Application content and procedure

- Each application should consist of:
  - Proof of membership in an IAPR society (e.g., an email from the IAPR member society confirming the applicant's membership in that society)
  - The candidate's name, updated CV, dates of the proposed visit, and names of home and host institutions.
  - An outline of the work to be carried out and how it will benefit the candidate (up to two sides of A4).
  - An outline and schedule of the work to be undertaken (one page).
  - Letters of support from each of the following: (a) the Head of the candidate's home institution (e.g. Head of Department) (b) the host institution and (c) the candidate's PhD supervisor or Line Manager. These letters must confirm support for the proposed visit.
- The application should be submitted by email to the Chair of the IAPR-EC.
- Applications may be submitted at any time before the visit starts. Starting the visit before an award does not guarantee that the Scholarship will eventually be awarded. Applications submitted after the visit has started are not allowed. The IAPR-EC may introduce regular submission deadlines (e.g. every three months) to allow for more competitive ranking.
- As a guideline, an application will be processed and the result communicated within two months of submission.
- IAPR Privacy Policy: The information contained in the application for an IAPR RS is used by the IAPR-EC only to evaluate the application and form the basis of the agreement between the IAPR and the recipient. It is held by the IAPR-EC as historical record. The IAPR does not sell, distribute, or pass any personal data to any organization. By submitting an application, you accept this Privacy Policy; do not submit the application if you do not accept the Privacy Policy. Please contact *secretariat@iapr.org* with any questions or concerns or to delete your personal data.

Evaluation procedure

- Applications will be evaluated by three reviewers appointed by the IAPR-EC. The reviewers will submit recommendations to the IAPR-EC, which will make the final decision.
- In reaching a decision, the IAPR-EC will take into consideration all relevant factors, e.g., the nature of the work proposed, the benefits that are likely to accrue to both applicant and host, the match between what is proposed and the length of the visit/proposed institution, and the pressure on funding, They may approve the application, decline it, or suggest changes to what is proposed and invite resubmission.

Other considerations

- The candidate must present a brief report on the activities undertaken at the host institution within one month after finishing the visit. The IAPR may require candidates to agree to this being available for wider circulation as part of a program to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits. This might include submitting an article to the IAPR Newsletter, contributing to a Press Release etc..
- Payment of the agreed amount will only be made after the visit is finished and upon receiving the above mentioned report (completion should be confirmed by the host institution in a letter accompanying the report).
- Travel reimbursement claims will require receipts, but the weekly rate will be paid on an unreceipted basis since it is agreed a priori at a fixed rate.
- Claims and accompanying documentation should be submitted to the Chair of the IAPR-EC and IAPR Treasurer.

Contact information

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