

# WCMB Conference Fellowships for Early Career Researchers

## Rules and Procedures

### Article 1. Objectives

The objective of this contest is to support the participation of early career researchers at the WCMB 2018 conference.

### Article 2. Scholarships description

The IABO has obtained funds from SCOR to support travel by several researchers from Developing Countries [see [http://www.scor-int.org/SCOR\\_Travel\\_Support.htm](http://www.scor-int.org/SCOR_Travel_Support.htm)], with preference given to early career researchers (5 years post-PhD) presenting at the conference.

Grants will be in the range of \$500- \$1000 USD.

### Article 3. Eligibility

- 3.1 Only early career researchers, preferably within 5 years post-PhD are eligible.
- 3.2 Candidates must have an abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation.
- 3.3 Candidates must acknowledge their support from SCOR, NSF and IABO.

### Article 4. Requested Documents

- 4.1 Applications should contain the following in a single pdf document:
  - Candidate's name, institution, country, email, link to their institutional webpage or other (e.g. Google Scholar, ResearchGate) (so we can verify they are genuine)
  - Scientific CV (maximum 4 pages)
  - Brief description of the presentation (abstract) and short motivation essay (maximum 1 page) why it would interest an international audience
  - Year they received their PhD or MSc
  - Other funding they have or have applied for to support their attendance. (Because the funds are insufficient we encourage applicants to seek other sources as well.)
- 4.2 Incomplete applications will automatically be rejected.
- 4.3 Applications must be submitted in English.
- 4.4 The form and the guidelines are available on WCMB Website [WCMB website](http://www.wcmb2018.org/registration.html) (<http://www.wcmb2018.org/registration.html>).

### Article 5. How to apply

- 5.1 The complete application file of the candidate must be sent by email to WCMB ([wcmb2018secretariat@jpd.com](mailto:wcmb2018secretariat@jpd.com)) at the latest on **March 16, 2018**. An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent to the candidates following the reception of the application file.

### Article 6. Composition of the jury

- 6.1 The jury consists of researchers involved in the organization of the WCMB conference, and of one external observer (member of the conference organizing committee or

scientific program committee).

- 6.2 The members of the jury will represent a diversity of research groups, programs, faculties, and workplaces.
- 6.3 The external observer does not take part in the vote, but has the right to speak on jury's request, allowing for an increased transparency of the selection process and the improvement of the awardees selection procedures.

#### **Article 7. Evaluation of requests and selection criteria**

- 7.1 The jury will evaluate the applications and announce its decisions no later than 2 weeks following the requests deposit deadline.
- 7.2 In order to evaluate files, the jury must use the following criteria:
  - Interest of the applicant shown by the provided motivation letter and overall presentation of the application
  - Quality of the work presented and of the submitted abstract, as well as impact for WCMB
  - Excellence of the candidate, quality of the scientific CV
  - Financial needs
- 7.3 Any member of the jury who is in conflict of interest for a request will have to leave the room during the discussions on this request.
- 7.4 The decision of the evaluation committee is final.

#### **Article 8. Scholarship awarding**

- 8.1 If the evaluation committee unanimously considers an application inappropriate, it may be rejected, even if the number of applications is less than the number of fellowships available (no default assignment of fellowships).
- 8.2 The results of the contest will be made public by email via a WCMB student representative.

#### **Article 9. Payment of the fellowship**

The payment of the fellowship is done after the conference upon presentation of proof of registration to the conference and relevant receipts (up to the amount of your fellowship), and according to the payment terms laid down by WCMB.

#### **Article 10. Access to the files**

Any deposited file is confidential and only the members of the jury have access to it. The copies of the files will be destroyed after the contest.