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Call for Nominations

IFMBE Students and Early Career Researchers WC2025 Travel Fellowship

Introduction

The IFMBE Administrative Council decided to launch the Students and Early Career Researchers WC2025 Travel Fellowship Program (SECRTFP) in 2025 with the following aims:

1. To support and develop strong long-term collaboration and cooperation among BME students and early career researchers in the IFMBE globally and especially within the Students and Early Graduates Working Group (SRGWG), Education and Accreditation Committee (EAC) in conjunction with the recipients of the IAMBE Early Career Awards competition.
2. To identify and encourage greater participation of young Biomedical Engineers in IFMBE WGs and Committees and IFMBE at large.
3. To mentor and train young Biomedical Engineers for leadership in IFMBE WGs and Committees and IFMBE at large
4. To ensure leadership renewal program is in place.
5. Ten Fellowships will be granted to students and ten to early carer researchers.

In 2025, the IUPESM World Congress will be held in Adelaide, Australia from 29 September to 4 October 2025. The IFMBE is inviting the Member Societies to participate in this SECRTFP. Please refer to SECRTFP Guidelines 2025 for more details.

Call for Nomination of SECRTFP Fellow

Pre-requisites for selection of candidates are as follows. The candidate must be:

1. a student or an ordinary member of an IFMBE affiliated society
2. active member or collaborator of an IFMBE body (Division, Committee or Working Group)
3. active researcher in the field of Medical and Biological Engineering
4. 40 years of age or below at the time of the World Congress 2025 in Adelaide

The Participating Society should nominate a candidate satisfying the above-mentioned pre-requisites. The candidate will be required to present a full paper and actively participate in the activities of an IFMBE body (Division, Committee or Working Group) at the World Congress 2025 Adelaide, Australia.

The qualified nominations shall be received by the Chair of the *ad hoc* appointed SECRTFP Committee. The Committee Chair will organize the selection of the Fellows in due time to reach the requirements for registration and upload of their papers.

Deliverables:

1. An individual SECRTFP Fellow report to be submitted to the respective IFMBE body (Division, Committee or Working Group)
2. The SECRTFP Fellows will collectively submit a report to be published in IFMBE News
3. All SECRTFP Fellows will register for the World Congress 2025 Adelaide, Australia and submit an oral presentation in a Special Session organized by the IFMBE.

Conditions and criteria for the Fellowship

The candidate must complete the Application Form and submit with the following documents to the Chair of the SECRTFP Committee (treasurer@ifmbe.org), Cc: presidents.offoce@ifmbe.org, from **30th May until 15th June 2025**:

1. Candidate's CV together with publication list.
2. Candidate's one-page abstracts on their research work that will present during the WC2025.
3. Candidate's statement (**not** exceeding one page) on personal goal(s) and aspiration for joining SECRTFP Fellowship and suggested contribution to be made to an IFMBE body (Division, Committee or Working Group) and IFMBE at large, especially during the WC2025.
4. Description of the work and activities for IFMBE in the period 2022-25.
5. Certificate of membership in an affiliated BME Society
6. Certificate of student status (if applicable)

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1. Definition of IFMBE Affiliated Society:

The IFMBE Affiliated Society shall be a member national or transnational society in good standing. Each Affiliated Society is eligible to nominate a Students and Early Career Researchers WC2025 Travel Fellowship (SECRTFP) candidates from their Society's membership.

2. Financial Support:

- I. IFMBE will make available funds to defray partially the costs incurred by the Students and Early Career Researchers WC2025 Travel Fellowship in the following manner:
 - a. The IFMBE shall pay the student's full registration fee or the IFMBE full registration fee including the Congress Dinner, whichever appropriate, directly to the WC2025 organizers **to ten students and ten early career researchers** selected by the SECRTFP Committee (the fellows do not have to make any payment of registration fee themselves).
 - b. The SECRTFP Fellows can claim up to a max €1,000 for the costs incurred by their stay in Adelaide during the WC2025.
 - c. All claims must be accompanied by receipts.

Reimbursement Procedures:

1. The SECRTFP Fellows should submit their reimbursement claims with copies of all receipts within **4 weeks** after the end of the World Congress on the Reimbursement form. The reimbursement form shall be sent to the IFMBE Treasurer (treasurer@ifmbe.org), Cc: presidents.office@ifmbe.org by e-mail. The payment will be made to them within a month after receipt of the claim.
2. Reimbursement applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy of the data.