

MICCAI Society **Satellite Events** Participation Grant 2021

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Purpose of the Award

Due to the virtual nature of the MICCAI 2021 conference, the MICCAI Society wishes to provide a further 50 registrations for the satellite events to support online participation from diverse members of our global scientific community in this difficult year. In 2021, these additional grants are aimed at participants from diverse backgrounds, particularly focused on but not limited to participants from lower income countries or students from underrepresented groups. Diversity here is used as a short form for “Equality, Diversity and Inclusion”, encompassing a wider range of underrepresented characteristics in the scientific community.

Award Eligibility

- Anyone can apply to this call. However, we particularly encourage application of participants from lower income countries and students from any underrepresented groups of our community.
- In case the applicant is a student, proof of student status needs to be provided by the time of the 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 grant application deadline. A student selected for the grant should submit a letter from their research supervisor to confirm student status. Alternatively, an email from the supervisor should be sufficient.
- Expressed interest in MICCAI satellite events, such as (but not limited to):
 - research topic related to a satellite event
 - University programme enrolled in related to a satellite event
 - Previous publications in the field of a satellite event
 - Past attendance to a satellite event
 - Accepted papers for MICCAI 2021 satellite events
 - Other particular interest in a satellite event (please justify)

¹ As MICCAI 2021 will be held virtually, all awards and grants will be given in the form of MICCAI 2021 satellite event registrations and society fee.

- Additional optional 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, only be used for the purpose of deciding on the awards and be destroyed after the conference.

Award Coordination

The MICCAI Society Secretariat will oversee the selection process which is to be conducted in a fair manner. A 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 2021 Conference Organisation, and will be chaired by the MICCAI Society Awards Coordinator. The final draft of the list of selected candidates should be sent to the MICCAI Society Secretariat before formal notification is sent to the awardees.

Timing of the Process

The selection and notification process should be completed in time for the awardee to register by the deadline indicated below. If an awardee does not register by this deadline, the grant will be withdrawn.

The tentative timeline is as follows:

- 27 July 2021: Announcement of scheme; online form for application opens
- 15 August 2021: Deadline for online applications
- 25 August 2021: Notification of grants
- 1 September 2021: Selected candidates: deadline for registration using received coupon

Announcement

The awardees will be notified by email, and requested to submit confirmation of student status (if they have student status) and complete their registration (see above). A summary slide about the MICCAI Satellite Events Participation Grants will be presented at the MICCAI 2021 Award Ceremony. *(Due to the large number of awardees, and potentially sensitive information originally provided, individual names will not be listed.)*

Financing

In 2021, the MICCAI Society will provide 50 Satellite Events Participation Grants. This amount is not part of the conference budget, and comprises a member registration fee for the MICCAI Satellite Events, in conjunction with a one-year MICCAI Society membership fee.

Collection of the Award

Awards will be exclusively given under the form of a conference registration discount mechanism to avoid payment of any upfront fees and later reimbursement. We ask that the candidates wait for the final decision before registering to the conference using the received coupon. Student awardees will be asked to submit student proof at the time of registration. If they fail to do so, or if an awardee declines an award or does not plan to attend the conference, their award will be withdrawn *(the award is not transferable)*. Final decisions will be given before the early bird registration deadline.

Queries

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