



Conference Grants available for Students in 2019

Introduction

ISKO UK has established a fund to support students wishing to attend Knowledge Organization (KO) conferences in 2019. This is part of its objective: “To encourage and support the next generation of Knowledge Organization (KO) researchers and practitioners, with attention to continuing professional development as well as basic education and training”. Individual grants of up to £500 are available.

Purpose

An important aspect of education is to attend events where it is possible to hear and develop contacts with others in the field. ISKO UK therefore wishes to give some financial support to students with an interest in Knowledge Organization to encourage them to attend relevant conferences.

Eligibility

Applicants should be enrolled as postgraduate or undergraduate students on courses in any UK academic institution that covers some aspect of knowledge organization. This award is open to current students and to those who have graduated within one year of their application.

Conferences in scope

The biennial conferences of ISKO or any of its Chapters (including ISKO UK) are eligible. Some other conferences that have a significant coverage of KO topics may be eligible, subject to an explanation of their relevance by the applicant, and verification/approval by the Executive Committee. This year the ISKO UK 2019 Conference in London is considered especially suitable.

Conference report

As well as attending the whole of the conference, the successful applicant will be expected to report on its proceedings. The report, typically between 500 and 2,000 words, will be made available via our website, especially to members of ISKO UK, and will be offered to the editor of the journal *Knowledge Organization* for publication in its *ISKO News* section. Additional publicity channels, such as Twitter and Facebook, should be used where possible.

Expenses covered

The grant should be seen as a contribution towards the costs, rather than covering all expenses. Each grant will be in the range £100 - £500, and as a minimum, the grant will cover the registration fee of the event in question. It may also meet some of the travel/accommodation expenses.

Procedure

Applicants should send an e-mail application to ISKO UK (see e-mail address below) with the following information:

- Name, date and location of the conference;
- The conference fee and contribution to expenses requested (up to a limit of £500)
- A short statement of how the conference would be of benefit to the applicant
- Details of the academic institution and study programme in which the applicant is enrolled. If a grant is awarded, ISKO UK will require evidence of your student status.

The application should be sent by email to the ISKO UK Secretary via info@iskouk.org by 1st June 2019. The applicant will be informed of the Committee’s decision by 15th June. Payment of 80% of the award will be made to the successful applicant as soon as an invoice or other evidence of conference registration payment is received by the ISKO UK Treasurer. The remainder will be paid after a satisfactory report of the conference proceedings has been received.

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