Conference grants available for students and new graduates

Introduction

ISKO UK is the UK Chapter of ISKO, the International Society for Knowledge Organization. We are a not-for-profit scientific/professional association dedicated to promoting the theory and practice of organising knowledge and information. Following a series of successful events, the ISKO UK Chapter has sufficient funds to take a more direct approach to the following 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”.

Purpose

An important aspect of personal development is to attend events where it is possible to hear and develop contacts with others in the chosen field of study. ISKO UK, therefore, wishes to encourage students to attend conferences which cover significant aspects of Knowledge Organization.

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 16th ISKO 2020 Conference in Aalborg, Denmark is considered especially suitable.

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.

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 1,000 words, will be made available via our website, especially to members of ISKO UK. Additional publicity channels, such as Twitter and Facebook, should be used where possible.

How to apply

Applicants should email their application to the ISKO UK Secretary <secretary@iskouk.org> by 14 June 2020 with the following information:

- Name, date and location of the conference;
- The conference fee and a breakdown of estimated expenses;
- 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 student status. The applicant will be informed of the Committee’s decision by 28 June 2020. 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 Secretary. The remainder will be paid after a satisfactory report of the conference proceedings has been received.

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1 The field of KO is expanding but traditionally it includes classification and indexing, tagging, thesauri and metadata. See also the article on Wikipedia.