



Call for nomination of young scholars for the prestigious ITC Scholarship Program linked to The 11th Conference of the ITC: Montreal, Canada, 2-5 July 2018

Conference Theme: On the Beat of Testing

This Scholarship Program is intended for:

Early career scholars (under 35 years, having obtained at least a Master's Degree) in the domain of Psychological and/or Educational Testing from developing and emerging economies. To be eligible for the award, a prospective applicant must currently work and reside in a developing country. A list of developing countries is included at the end of this document for ease of reference.

The main focus of the prestigious ITC Scholarship Program is to enable recipients to attend the 2018 ITC Conference in Montreal, Canada (<https://www.itc-conference.com/>) and participate in a special program for young scholars.

A secondary focus is to provide ongoing opportunities for scholarship recipients to network with each other and experts in the field, to further their professional development and to collaboratively address problems related to Psychological and/or Educational Testing in developing and emerging economies. Up to seven grants are available with a maximum value of **US\$1,500** per grant.

Applications will be judged on merit giving due consideration to gender balance and geographical distribution. A list of low-income economies can be found on the webpage of the World Bank

<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

The scholarship includes:

- ◆ Registration and lunches during conference.
- ◆ Attendance of two half day pre-conference workshops.

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- ◆ Up to US\$1500 per grant to be applied towards travel and accommodation costs.

Scholar responsibilities and contracted outcomes:

On accepting the grant the following outcomes are expected by the Scholar:

- ◆ Presentation of a poster at the conference in the area of Psychological / Educational Testing.
- ◆ Dissemination of knowledge about the work of ITC in home country of the scholar (e.g. by writing a paper in a local professional journal or newsletter).
- ◆ Submission of a short piece to *Testing International* (ITC's newsletter) about your experience with psychological or educational testing in your country.
- ◆ Active attendance in parts of the conference program intended for sponsored scholars.
- ◆ Active networking with the other ITC scholars after the conference and participating in electronic discussion forums aimed at exchanging ideas and addressing issues related to testing and assessment in developing and emerging economies.

Procedure for application:

- ◆ Applications to be submitted to Dr. Solange Wechsler (**wechsler@lexxa.com.br**) until December 9th 2017 including:
 - (1) Motivation letter from the candidate addressing the above contracted outcomes
 - (2) Reference letter from an ITC member nominating the candidate
 - (3) A detailed CV of the candidate
 - (4) Abstract of 100-200 words on a poster topic in the area of Psychological / Educational Testing
- ◆ ITC notification of award will be sent to applicants by January 20th, 2018.
- ◆ Scholars' confirmation of acceptance of award to be received by ITC by February 20th, 2018.
- ◆ Sponsored scholars have to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.
- ◆ Costs for travel and accommodation, not exceeding US\$1500, to be submitted for reimbursement after the conference (guidelines for reimbursement will be provided).

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Request for additional information can be forwarded to Dr Solange Wechsler

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