

The CAA Underwater Acoustics and Signal Processing Student Travel Subsidy Background and Procedures

Background: In February 2001 the CAA received a donation of approximately \$10,800 from a Signal Processing Institute fund that was set up to assist the organization of, and subsidize traveling expenses for students to attend NATO Advanced Study Institutes (ASI) on Underwater Acoustics and Signal Processing. When the ASIs were disbanded, the remaining funds were distributed to the acoustical societies of the five countries of the fund trustees. The money was given under the conditions that it be used for the sole purpose to support students to attend conferences or scientific meetings dealing with the subject of Underwater Acoustics and Signal Processing and that a single contribution to a student not exceed US\$ 1000. Since there was an international spirit to the Advanced Study Institutes that bequeathed the funds, it was decided that the funds would be used to support attendance for both national and international conferences.

Award Name: The Underwater Acoustics and Signal Processing Student Travel Subsidy

Value and number of awards: Two \$250 awards or one \$500 award annually.

Purpose of the award: To provide financial assistance to Canadian university students traveling to national or international conferences to give oral or poster presentations on the subject of underwater acoustics and/or signal processing.

Selection of award winners: The award winners will be selected from eligible candidates on a first come, first served basis. Deadlines for receipt of applications are September 30 and March 31 and apply to attendance at conferences within the 6 months following the deadline date.

Eligibility Requirements: In order to be eligible for the Travel Subsidy the student must meet the following requirements:

1. Full-time student at a University. NOTE: Priority will be given to students at a Canadian University.
2. Student Member in good standing of the Canadian Acoustical Association.
3. Distance traveled to the conference must exceed 150 km (one way).
4. Give an oral or poster presentation at the conference on the subject of underwater acoustics and/or signal processing. Due to limited funding, a travel subsidy can only be given to the presenter of the paper even though there may be more than one student authors.

The author is welcomed and encouraged to submit a summary paper for publication in the Canadian Acoustics journal but this is not mandatory.

Application Procedure:

- The student completes and submits the award application form, abstract of the paper, and a letter of support from their university supervisor. All items must be received by the coordinator of the award on or before September 30, or on or before March 31, and apply to conferences within the 6 months following the deadline date.
- The award coordinator will notify the applicant within 15 days after the deadline date if they will be given the subsidy and if so, the amount of the subsidy.
- After the conference, the student will submit the 'Proof of Presentation' form to the CAA Treasurer. The subsidy cheque will be mailed to the student within 30 days of receipt of the completed form.