

## **2024 IDEA Student Travel Award Application Form**

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 15th, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET**

Last Updated: Feb 23, 2024

### **APPLICANT CHECKLIST**

- Eligibility Criteria
- CV (no page limit, in PDF format)
- Completed Application Form (this form)
- Personal Statement (1-page max, PDF)
- Referee Information & Letter of Support (2-page max, PDF)

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**Criterion #1:** I am a student studying at the undergraduate or graduate level at a Canadian university and I am enrolled in a medical physics program, or a physics-focused (or equivalent) program with an interest in medical physics (e.g. biomedical physics, medical biophysics, biomedical engineering, etc.)

- I confirm that I meet this criterion.

**Criterion #2:** I am a COMP Student Member at the time of application<sup>1</sup>.

- I confirm that I meet this criterion.

**Criterion #3:** I identify as an individual within an equity-denied group. Equity-denied groups refer to individuals who have been historically disadvantaged and underrepresented. These groups include but are not limited to the following designated groups in Canada: women, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, people who are part of LGBTQ2+ communities, religious minority groups and racialized people.<sup>2</sup> Expanding on this definition, recent immigrants and individuals facing low socioeconomic status are also eligible.

- I confirm that I meet this criterion.

**Criterion #4:** I demonstrate financial need and confirm that I was unable to secure other funding to attend the conference. Financial need is defined as any obstacle(s), such as low-income, low socioeconomic status or financial burdens, that may prevent or impose restrictions from attending the conference.

- I confirm that I meet this criterion.

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<sup>1</sup>Contact the COMP Student Council representative for the 2024 IDEA Student Travel Award (Andrew Zwaniga, [azwaniga@torontomu.ca](mailto:azwaniga@torontomu.ca)) if your application for COMP Student Membership has been submitted but not processed yet.

<sup>2</sup>Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI) Centre canadien pour la diversité et l'inclusion. Glossary of Terms. January 2022.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION**

Field of Study \_\_\_ Physics/Medical Physics \_\_\_ Biomedical Engineering Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Degree \_\_\_ Undergraduate \_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_ PhD Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST ASM ATTENDANCE**

Have you attended a COMP Annual Scientific Meeting before? (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have attended previously, in which year(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

**REFEREE INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that I have contacted my referee and that they will upload the Letter of Support (**2-page maximum**) directly to the **COMP IDEA DropBox** ([tinyurl.com/IDEA2024DropBox](http://tinyurl.com/IDEA2024DropBox)) saved as **ApplicantLastName\_FirstName\_IDEA2024TravelAward\_Letter.pdf** as a **PDF file** before the deadline (April 15th, 2024).

The Letter of Support serves as an important supplement to the applicant's interest to attend the 2024 COMP Annual Scientific Meeting. Applicants are responsible for providing the following details to their referee. The letter should include (but is not limited to):

- a) A reflection on the applicant's personal development to date.
- b) A reflection on the applicant's potential to grow and develop professionally from attending the 2024 COMP Annual Scientific Meeting and/or an explanation of how attending the ASM will help to further the applicant's career aspirations, goals, or trajectory in the field of medical physics.

**DISCLOSURE & SIGNATURE**\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **DOCUMENT ATTACHMENTS**

Please attach and combine the following documents into **a single PDF file**:

- Personal Statement (**1-page maximum**)

Your personal statement is an opportunity to highlight your interest to attend the 2024 COMP Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM). It could focus on the following aspects, including (but not limited to):

- a. The reason(s) you are interested in attending the 2024 COMP ASM, and if you've previously attended, explain the novelty of your attendance at this year's ASM.
- b. How participating in the ASM will contribute to your career aspirations, goals, or trajectory in medical physics.
- c. Any non-academic contributions or accomplishments, such as experiences, leadership roles, community involvement, or other involvement that has been essential in your personal development.
- d. Scientific or academic contributions, skills, attributes, or experiences that may position you to contribute meaningfully to the medical physics community.

Your personal statement is an opportunity to share your journey and aspirations within and beyond medical physics, and how attending the ASM could contribute to that journey. You are welcome to highlight prior involvement in equity-, diversity-, inclusion-, and accessibility- (IDEA) related initiatives, but this is not a requirement for the award.

- CV (no page limit)

## **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please submit this application form and the above documents as a **single combined PDF file** to **COMP IDEA DropBox** ([tinyurl.com/IDEA2024DropBox](https://tinyurl.com/IDEA2024DropBox)) saved as **ApplicantLastName\_FirstName\_IDEA2024TravelAward\_Application.pdf** before the deadline: **Friday, April 15th, at 11:59 pm ET.**

Questions about eligibility, the application process, and application requirements can be sent directly to the COMP Student Council representative for the 2024 IDEA Student Travel Award (Andrew Zwaniga, [azwaniga@torontomu.ca](mailto:azwaniga@torontomu.ca)).