



Dear SPS Chapter Chairs,

Does your Chapter have members who would like to attend ICASSP 2016 in Shanghai, China, but the cost of travel is too great?

The Signal Processing Society recently approved an initiative that would provide limited Society support for SPS Chapters to send up to two members each to the International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP [<http://www.icassp2016.org>]) from 20-25 March 2016.

Each participating Chapter's candidate(s) is required to be an IEEE Signal Processing Society member in good standing, as well as a current practicing engineer, to be considered for the travel grant support. A practicing engineer must fall in one of the following categories: *industry (including small and medium enterprises), industrial R&D, self-employed, consultant, unemployed young professionals unaffiliated with universities.* **Applicants who are professors or students at universities will not be considered for this travel support.** Practicing engineers who have accepted papers at ICASSP will also not be considered. If you are interested in sending two of your Chapter members to ICASSP 2016 with Society support, please submit a nomination to the Chapters Review Committee at sp.sc.chapterreview@ieee.org.

Applicants who receive the grant are expected to do one of the following items in accepting the travel grant funds, which are: write a short article about the conference for the Society's newsletter, write a summary of one of the sessions for the conference website/newsletter, or a give a summary talk at a local Chapter meeting. The intent of this request is to spread the word about the conference and Society.

Travel grant support will be awarded as follows: \$600 for individuals traveling within the same continent and \$1200 for travel between continents. The Committee will review the nominations and determine if travel support will be awarded. Nominations must be submitted no later than **31 January 2016** and must include the following items:

- Chapter Name
- Submitter's Name and Contact Information
- Candidate's Name
- Candidate's IEEE Member Number
- Candidate's Contact Information
- Statement of why the candidates is being nominated
- Brief Biography
- Practicing Engineer Category (from those listed above).

If you have any questions about these or other SPS or Chapter activities, please contact SPS Membership and Content Administrator, Jessica Perry, at jessica.perry@ieee.org.

Thank you for your work and contribution to SPS!

Best,

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