

International Travel Fellowship

This travel fellowship is awarded to rangeland scientists from developing countries to allow them to attend annual SRM meetings. One \$1,600 fellowship is available.

ANNOUNCEMENT – 2017 SRM INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

70th Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management

Location: St. George, Utah, USA

Dates: January 29 – February 2, 2017

PURPOSE

The Society for Range Management (SRM) has established a program intended to:

- Support attendance at the Annual Meeting by rangeland scientists or managers from countries other than the U.S. and Canada.
- Foster international exchange about advances in rangeland ecology and management.

THE AWARD

The recipient will receive funds of US \$1,600 for general travel support to the meeting. The funds can be used to support any aspect of the travel including air travel, visa, lodging, per diem, etc. The recipient will also receive a registration waiver for the meeting.

The \$1,600 will be provided at the venue, thus the recipient will need to initially cover his or her up-front travel costs and use the ITF funds as reimbursement. It is the recipient's responsibility to make all of their travel arrangements to attend the meeting. Opportunities for recipients to share accommodation at the venue can be reviewed by the IAC membership upon request from the ITF winner.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants are not eligible if they are citizens or current residents of the United States or Canada. Preference will be given to candidates from developing countries.

HOW TO APPLY

All application materials must be in English. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. A complete application must include the following:

1. Name, institution, email address, postal address, citizenship.
2. Curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages).
3. A summary of your research (500 words maximum) explaining how your research extends the scientific basis or application of rangeland ecology and management (see Selection Criteria listed below).
4. Statement on what you hope to gain professionally from attending the SRM Annual Meeting (200 words maximum).
5. Title and abstract of the paper or poster you submitted for presentation at the upcoming Annual Meeting, if any. Due date for submission of abstracts is **28 October 2016**. Submission of abstracts is encouraged, but not necessary to apply for the ITF.

6. An explanation (also 200 words maximum) of why you need financial assistance to attend the Annual Meeting (see Selection Criteria listed above).

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. The research summary and CV will be evaluated for scientific merit with regard to your past record of research accomplishments, promise of future accomplishments, and applicability to rangeland ecology or social science and management. We will favor applicants who demonstrate that their research advances (i) the scientific basis of rangeland ecology or social science, and/or (ii) the application of rangeland ecology or social science for rangeland resource conservation and management. New and established rangeland professionals are encouraged to apply.
2. We will favor applicants who have already submitted a poster or paper for presentation at the 2017 Annual Meeting.
3. Financial need. You must demonstrate financial need and show that without ITF support, you would not be able to attend the Annual Meeting. Applicants must demonstrate the extent to which they have pursued travel funding from their host institution.
4. Professional development. You must demonstrate that attending the SRM Annual Meeting will represent a significant professional opportunity for:
 - Developing your expertise in rangeland ecology and management.
 - Establishing working relationships with rangeland professionals from other countries.
5. Clarity of expression and proficiency in the use of English.

The IAC reserves the right not to award an ITF in any given year if a suitable candidate is not identified.

Submit your ITF application materials to the address below by **01 November 2016** via email to Dr. Jay P. Angerer or by post [please include a disk copy with all materials in a single file in Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Rich Text Format or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format] to:

Dr. Jay P. Angerer
Texas A&M AgriLife Research
720 E. Blackland Rd.
Temple, TX 76502-9622 USA
jangerer@tamu.edu

Award will be announced by 18 November 2016.

Recent awardees include:

2016 - Dr. Chantsaa Jamsranjav - Mongolia.
2015 -- Martín Do Carmo - Instituto Nacional de Investigación Agropecuaria, Uruguay
2014 -- Dr. Kevin Kirkman - University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
2013 -- Veronica Vasquez Garcia - Mexico
2012 -- Batbaatar Amgaa -- Republic of Mongolia
2012 -- David Berman -- Australia
2011 -- Pedro Angel Calderon-Dominguez
2010 -- Yan Zhaoli -- Kathmandu, Nepal
2009 -- Pedro Jurado -- Chihuahua, Mexico
2008 - Dr. Alicia Melgoza, Universidad Autonoma de Chihuahua, Mexico
2007 - Dr. Batbuyan of Centre for Nomadic Pastoralism Studies, Mongolian Institute of Geography