

ISCST “Edward D. Cohen” Student Travel Awards

ISCST “Edward D. Cohen” Student Travel Awards are here to help students or recent graduates gain the experience and exposure that comes from attending and presenting at a bi-annual ISCST Symposium. The travel awards are intended to defray some of the costs of their attendance.

ISCST Edward D. Cohen Student Travel Awards consist of student registration fees and up to three nights hotel accommodations. Students selected for the award who reside less than 25 miles from the conference site will only receive free registration for the conference. Awarded hotel accommodations could be used in double occupancy, to further benefit the awardee’s research group.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible students are:

- Any full-time graduate or postdoctoral student or former graduate student who graduated in the previous year.
- Student must be the speaker for an oral or poster presentation at the ISCST Symposium.
- Only one award will be given to any one research group, thus it is ideal to receive only one nominee per group.
- Students who have received the ISCST Student Travel Award before are not eligible for additional ISCST Student Travel Awards.
- The number of awardees would be set by the ISCST executive board.

The awardees should be selected by a five member committee. The chair of the committee shall be nominated by the Vice President of the Americas, and the other members shall be nominated respectively by the Vice President for Asia-Pacific, the Vice President for Europe, the Symposium Chair, and the Symposium Co-Chair. The committee members nominated by the Vice Presidents should be academics of their respective regions. The committee decisions shall be final. The committee shall select the awardees among the applicants for the ISCST Edward D. Cohen Student Travel Award using the information disclosed in the student statements and CV’s, and in their advisor’s support letters. The following factors shall be considered in ranking applicants for the ISCST Edward D. Cohen Student Travel Award:

- Evidence of strong scholarship in coating science and technology.
- Evidence of ties to ISCST, such as past attendance to Symposia and/or submission of papers to the special issue of Journal of Coatings Technology and Research (JCTR) dedicated to the conference.
- Intention of applicants to pursue a career related to coating science or technology
- Students giving an oral presentation have higher priority than students giving a poster presentation.

- Diversity among the student awardees. ISCST strongly encourages eligible applicants from underrepresented groups (women and underrepresented minorities), students with disabilities, and non-traditional students may be given preference.
- Aim to fund students from as many universities as possible.

Required Materials for Application of ISCST Edward D. Cohen Student Travel Award

From Students

Statement (No more than 400 words):

- Professional contact information
- Title of presentation, including designation as oral or poster presentation, list of co-authors and affiliations.
- Rationale for the request consistent with eligibility and selection criteria, including your interest in attending the conference

One-page resume or CV that includes:

- Contact information
- Expected date (month/year) of the award of your degree.
- Institute awarding your degree.
- Your advisor's name, and email.
- Publications and awards, if any.

From the Advisor

Letter of recommendation briefly describing:

- Student's scholarly achievements
- Student's scholarly potential
- Any special circumstances