

INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF SOCIETY TRAVEL AWARDS FOR ICRS 2020 BREMEN, GERMANY

The International Coral Reef Society (ICRS) is pleased to announce 10 Student Travel Awards for ICRS members to attend the 14th International Coral Reef Symposium in Bremen, Germany. Each awardee will receive a total of \$1,000 USD to be used for attending the conference (e.g., registration, flight, meals etc.).

To be considered for a travel award, you must be a presenter of an accepted abstract for a poster or oral presentation at ICRS 2020 and also be a current member of ICRS. Selection of recipients will be based on financial need, relevance of research, and the potential benefit to the student.

IMPORTANT DATES:

15 January 2020	Award Application Deadline
15 March 2020	Award Recipients Notified
31 March 2020	Registration Deadline for Award Recipients (end of early bird registration)
15 April 2020	Recipient Awards Distributed

Those who are applying for an award must have an accepted abstract of a poster or oral presentation at ICRS. If you have an accepted abstract, are an active member of ICRS, and would like to submit a travel award application, you must provide the accepted abstract number supplied by email in your abstract submission confirmation (see Cover Letter below).

Grant applications must be submitted by 15 January 2020.

Please submit all documents below to ICRS Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Lisa Rodrigues (lisa.rodrigues@villanova.edu). You will receive a confirmation via email when your complete application is received.

TO APPLY:

You will need to provide the following documents, combined into a single .pdf, for your application to be considered for an ICRS Travel Award. Please have the file name consist of "YourLastName_ICRS2020TravelAward.pdf".

1. **Cover letter that includes:** student name, affiliation, year of study, contact information, ICRS 2020 accepted abstract number, International Coral Reef Society Membership Confirmation (e.g., name and email address associated with your membership; screenshot of membership within online directory, etc.)
2. **Statement of Purpose:** Provide a brief (500-word limit) statement of purpose addressing the topics listed below.

- Describe your research interests and the importance of research to you.
 - Describe your academic and career goals, and how attending ICRS 2020 can help you achieve them.
 - Describe why you would benefit from receiving a travel award to attend ICRS 2020.
3. **Letter of Recommendation:** Provide your recommender's contact information at the end of your application. Have your recommender send a signed letter on your behalf to ICRS Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Lisa Rodrigues (lisa.rodrigues@villanova.edu). The subject line should include **ICRS Travel Award: Applicant's Last Name**. The letter should address the following topics and must have your recommender's signature.
- Describe your relationship to the applicant. How long have you known the applicant and what is the extent of your interactions?
 - Comment on the applicant's academic and scientific merit, including his/her aptitude for pursuing a field in coral reef science.
 - Describe reasons why the applicant deserves a travel scholarship to attend ICRS 2020.
4. **Unofficial Transcript:** Include an unofficial transcript to your travel award application as a PDF file.

Your transcript must include:

- Your full name
- Institution name
- Relevant coursework and major