**Application for the 2018 Neural Interfaces Conference**

**Diversity Travel Award**

The Neural Interfaces Conference (NIC) organizing committee invites applications for the NIC 2018 Diversity Travel Award. This program is supported by a conference grant from the National Institutes of Health to enhance the diversity of researchers in neural engineering. The travel award program is open to undergraduate students, pre-doctoral graduate students, and postdoctoral trainees from groups that are underrepresented in the engineering population. Underrepresented groups include: **women, persons with disabilities, and ethnic/racial groups that are in the minority in engineering such as African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders.**

Travel Award Benefits

* Cash award of $1000 to support travel to Minneapolis, MN, for the [Neural Interfaces Conference](http://www.neuralinterfacesconference.org) to be held Monday, June 25 – Wednesday, June 27, 2018
* Complimentary meeting registration ($175 value)
* Recognition during the conference

Anticipated Number of Awards: 10

Application Instructions

In a single PDF file, combine and submit the following to neuralinterfacesconference@gmail.com.

* Completed version of the form below.
* Personal / research statement about your interest in the neural interfaces field (≤500 words)
* The abstract that you submitted to the Neural Interfaces Conference (required for graduate students and postdoctoral applicants only, NOT required for undergraduate applicants)
* Letter of reference from a research mentor (for graduate students and postdocs) or an instructor familiar with the applicant’s capacity for a research career (for undergraduates)

Deadline for application submission: **May 1, 2018**

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**First Name**:

**Last Name**:

**MI**:

**Notification Address**: street address, city, state, zip

**Phone Number**:

**Email**:

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**[ ]**  Male / [ ]  Female

Race / Ethnicity:

[ ]  White

[ ]  Hispanic / Latino

[ ]  Black / African American

[ ]  Asian

[ ]  American Indian / Alaska Native

[ ]  Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

**ELLIGIBILITY**

* I am a member of group that is underrepresented in engineering research (women, African American, Native American including Native Alaskan, Hispanic, or Native Pacific Islander)
* I have a disability, defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or major life activities
	+ Specify disability:

How did you learn about this travel award? Mark all that apply:

[ ]  Neural Interfaces Conference website

[ ]  Research advisor

[ ]  Undergraduate institution

[ ]  Direct email

[ ]  Printed poster

[ ]  Other (with a text box to explain other)

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Current University / Institution**:

**Current Status**:

[ ]  Undergraduate Student

[ ]  PhD Student/Candidate

[ ]  MD/PhD Student

[ ]  Postdoctoral Fellow

**Department**:

**Study / Research Area**:

**Educational Background**:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Institution** | **Location** | **Dates of Attendance** | **Major Area of Study** | **Degree** | **GPA** |
|  |  | -present |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

**REFERENCES**

Please provide the name and contact information for the person who will provide a letter of recommendation for your application.

**Name**:

**Title**:

**Phone**:

**Email**:

**Relationship to self** (research mentor, professor, advisor, etc.):

**PDF ATTACHMENTS**

* Personal / research statement about your interest in the field of neural interfaces (≤500 words)
* Abstract submitted to the Neural Interfaces Conference (required for graduate students and postdoctoral applicants only, NOT required for undergraduate applicants)
* Letter of reference from a research mentor (for graduate students and postdocs) or an instructor familiar with the applicant’s capacity for a research career (for undergraduates)