



International Life
Sciences Institute

2019 MALASPINA INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS TRAVEL AWARD

Purpose

The International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) is an international federation of 18 non-profit scientific organizations that seek to provide science that improves human health and well-being and safeguards the environment. ILSI believes scientists from industry, government, academia and other sectors of society can and should work together to identify and address topics of common interest. To achieve this, ILSI actively promotes multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral collaborations with scientists from geographically diverse regions of the world.

The hundreds of scientists who provide their time and expertise to ILSI's scientific, capacity building and outreach programs are integral to ILSI's success. To maintain scientific currency and relevance, it is essential for ILSI to provide engagement opportunities to introduce early-career scientists to ILSI entities so that new collaborative opportunities can be explored. To that end, ILSI is pleased to offer the Malaspina International Scholars Travel Award (MIST Award) named in honor of Dr. Alex Malaspina, ILSI's founding President. The MIST Award provides travel support to academic scientists who are in an early stage of their careers so that they can attend the [ILSI Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium](#). The 2019 convening will be at the Wyndham Grand Clearwater Beach Hotel in Clearwater, Florida (USA) from 8-13 January 2019.

Awardees will be able to actively participate in the ILSI Annual Meeting as well as meet academic, government, industry and other researchers from around the world. Each Scholar will be provided with opportunities to present their own work to meeting attendees during both the ILSI Assembly (oral presentation) and during the ILSI Poster Session (poster presentation).

Each ILSI entity that nominates a scholar will be expected to maintain contact with its awardee(s) following the ILSI Annual Meeting. At a minimum the entity will actively encourage its awardees to attend the entity's own Annual Meeting as well as promote the awardee's participation in the entity's scientific activities as appropriate.

Eligibility

Each ILSI entity is encouraged to submit at least one nominee for the Malaspina International Scholars Travel Award, recognizing that by doing so the entity is making a commitment to maintain engagement with awardee as described above. Nominees should hold full-time appointments at recognized academic institutions and be working in one of the following areas: nutrition, food safety, toxicology, risk assessment, or food systems (including agricultural sustainability). Successful nominees should have at least five years of academic experience after receiving a terminal degree and not more than ten years.



Selection Process

An application form outlining the applicant's scientific work to date, its significance to improving human health and well-being and/or safeguarding the environment, his/her *curriculum vitae*, and the length of time the nominee has held his/her current position. Completed applications will be submitted to Ms. Stephanie Carter, ILSI Research Foundation (scarter@ilsi.org) by October 15, 2018. Ms. Carter is serving as the Program Manager for the MIST Award and is the primary point of contact for all communications.

The Selection Committee, comprised of public and private sector scientists, will select up to six awardees for 2019, with one coming from each of six entity groupings:

- ILSI North America, ILSI Research Foundation
- ILSI Mexico, ILSI Mesoamerica, ILSI North Andean
- ILSI South Andean, ILSI Brazil, ILSI Argentina
- ILSI Europe, ILSI Middle East, ILSI South Africa
- ILSI India, ILSI South East Asia Region, ILSI Taiwan
- ILSI Focal Point in China, ILSI Japan, ILSI Korea

Awardees will be informed of the award by November 1 and will subsequently receive an invitation to the ILSI Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium.

Purpose of the Award Funding

The travel grant will cover return economy class airfare to the location of the ILSI Annual Meeting, four days of lodging and meals, visa costs and ground transportation.

