WI-IAT 2026 IEEE TCII Student Travel Award Policy

OFFICIAL POLICY

DOCUMENT OWNER	WI-IAT 2026 Organising Committee
SUPPORTING BODY	IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Intelligent Informatics
CONFERENCE DATES	3-6 December 2026
AWARD VALUE	Two awards of USD 500 each

1. Purpose

WI-IAT 2026, with the support of the IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Intelligent Informatics (IEEE TCII), will offer two competitive Student Travel Awards. Each award is valued at USD 500 and is intended to assist eligible student authors with expenses associated with attending WI-IAT 2026 in person.

2. Number and Value of Awards

- Number of awards: Two
- Value of each award: USD 500
- Selection method: Competitive application and assessment

The awards are subject to the recipient satisfying all eligibility, attendance, and documentation requirements.

3. Eligibility

An applicant must:

1. Be an author or co-author of an accepted WI-IAT 2026 paper.
2. Be registered for WI-IAT 2026, with the applicable registration fee fully paid by the application deadline.
3. Attend the conference in person and present the accepted paper.
4. Be actively enrolled as a student during the conference period, 3–6 December 2026.
5. Provide a copy of a valid student identification card or an official enrolment letter confirming active student status during the conference period.
6. Submit a complete application by the specified deadline.

Each person may submit only one application, even if they are an author of multiple accepted papers.

4. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the folllowings:

- Completed application form (WI-IAT26_Student_Travel_Award_Application.docx), signed by the applicant and supervisor/advisor.
- Proof of paid WI-IAT 2026 registration.
- A copy or of valid student ID card or official enrolment letter confirming student status during 3–6 December 2026.
- Curriculum vitae of no more than two pages.
- Optional evidence relevant to financial need or DEI considerations.

Applicants are not required to disclose sensitive personal information. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

5. Assessment Criteria

Eligible applications will be assessed competitively against the following criteria:

- Quality and significance of the accepted paper: 20%
- Applicant’s contribution to the paper: 20%
- Academic and professional benefits of attendance: 20%
- Demonstrated financial need: 30%
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion considerations: 10%

DEI considerations may include barriers arising from geographic location, institutional resources, socioeconomic circumstances, disability or accessibility needs, career stage, underrepresentation in the field, or contributions to inclusive research and academic communities.

The Selection Committee will assess each application holistically. DEI applicants and applicants facing significant barriers to participation will be prioritised alongside the other published assessment criteria.

Where applicants receive substantially equal assessments, preference may be given to:

- an applicant with stronger demonstrated DEI considerations or barriers to participation;
- the presenting author;
- an applicant who has not received other substantial travel funding;
- an applicant at an earlier stage of their research career; or
- an applicant whose selection would improve the geographic and institutional diversity of award recipients.

6. Selection Committee

Applications will be assessed by the WI-IAT 2026 IEEE TCII Student Travel Award Selection Committee:

- Professor Jimmy Xiangji Huang, IEEE TCII Chair
- Professor Xiaohui Tao, WI-IAT 2026 General Chair
- Professor Ning Zhong, WI-IAT Steering Committee Chair

Committee members must disclose any actual or perceived conflict of interest and must not assess an application involving their own student, institution, close collaborator, or family member.

The Selection Committee's decision will be final. Individual assessment scores and committee deliberations will remain confidential.

7. Award Conditions

Successful applicants must:

- Confirm acceptance of the award within three days after notification.
- Maintain valid student status through the conference period.
- Attend WI-IAT 2026 in person.
- Present the accepted paper or fulfil the approved presentation role.
- Attend the award presentation or other recognition activity, if scheduled.
- Acknowledge the support of IEEE TCII in any required conference communication.
- Provide any receipts, attendance evidence, payment details, or other documentation reasonably required for payment.

If a recipient cannot attend, does not present the paper, withdraws the paper, cancels their registration, or no longer satisfies the eligibility requirements, the award may be withdrawn and offered to another applicant.

8. Payment

The award will be paid after the conference, subject to verification of attendance, presentation, and required supporting documentation.

Recipients remain responsible for arranging and paying for their registration, travel, accommodation, visas, insurance, taxes, bank charges, and other expenses. The award does not guarantee that all travel costs will be covered.

9. Visa and Travel Disclaimer

Selection for a Student Travel Award does not guarantee the granting of a visa or entry into Australia. Applicants are responsible for obtaining the necessary visa and travel documentation.

If a selected recipient cannot attend because of a visa refusal or another reason, the award will normally be withdrawn and may be offered to a reserve candidate.

10. Important Timeline (UTC-12/AoE)

- Applications open: 6 October 2026
- Application deadline: 6 November 2026
- Notification of results: 10 November 2026

11. Enquiries and Applications

Applications and enquiries should be submitted to:

wi.iat.2026@outlook.com

Email subject: WI-IAT'26 Student Travel Award Application – [APPLICANT NAME] – [PAPER ID]