

UNIFIED CALL 01/2021 FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PARTICIPATION IN LAWCN'21: III LATIN AMERICAN WORKSHOP ON COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE

This call addresses regulations regarding submission of applications, selection process, implementation, and usage of the financial support to presentially participate in the LAWCN 2021 (www.lawcn.com.br), which will be held in the city of São Luís, MA – Brazil, from December 8th to 10th, 20121. Funding for this call has been granted by the International Brain Research Organization (IBRO) Diversity Grant and also by the generous sponsorship of Plexon Inc. This will be a single unified process which will use both funds.

1 - TARGET AUDIENCE / ELIGIBILITY

This call is directed to any participant of the III Latin American Workshop on Computational Neuroscience (LAWCN'21) who needs financial support to afford travel costs to São Luís, MA, Brazil.

IBRO grant will prioritize women's participation and regional diversity using selection criteria in the following order of precedence:

- 1) Women diversity: women graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in courses and scientific activities in any of the fields of the Workshop. They must reside in others countries (not in Brazil) or other states of Brazil (in this order):
- 2) Regional diversity: men or women that reside in other countries (not in Brazil) or other states of Brazil (in this order);
- 3) Authors of papers or abstracts accepted at the Workshop for publication in Communications in Computer and Information Science (CCIS) or on the online proceedings (in this order).

Funds from Plexon Inc. will support participants from outside Brazil or from other states of the country and selection criteria will follow this order:





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- 1) Authors of papers accepted at the Workshop for publication in CCIS or on the online proceedings (in this order);
- 2) Graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in courses and scientific activities in any of the fields of the Workshop. They must reside in others countries (not in Brazil) or other states of Brazil (in this order);
- 3) Participants that reside in other countries (not in Brazil) or other states of Brazil (in this order).

Once the goal of this call is funding for travel aid, residents in São Luís and other cities of Maranhão are not eligible to participate.

2 - DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATION AND RESULTS NOTICE

Applications for this financial support must be submitted until November 3rd, 2021 (Brazilian time).

Results will be announced on **November 8th, 2021** or before by e-mail to the candidates.

3 - APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the selection process, candidates must send an e-mail to lawcn@ufma.br with the subject "Travel Aid LAWCN Name of candidate>" containing the following information and documents:

- Full name, gender and date of birth;
- City, state (department), and country of residence;
- Type of participation: author or audience-only;
- If author, title of paper or abstract;
- Affiliation: full name (including department/division if existent) of university, research institute, company or the condition of self-employed;
- In the case of students, graduate program or undergraduate course;
- Curriculum vitae (Lattes format, if available);
- Motivation letter (no longer than one page).

4 - SELECTION PROCESS





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The selection process will be carried out by members of the Workshop Organizing Committee who will evaluate candidates on the basis of all documentation and information provided, but with special attention to the enrollment and productivity of the applicant on the areas of the conference.

Travel aid support will be granted up to the total enabled amount (section 5), considering the priority criteria mentioned before (section 1).

All applications will be judged according first to the criteria for IBRO support until all quotas for this fund have been allocated. After this, remaining applications will be judged according to the criteria for Plexon Inc. travel aid.

Applications with incomplete documentation will not be taken into consideration in the selection process.

5 - TRAVEL-AID VALUES

Total funding available for this travel-aid call is USD 6,200.00, to be distributed according to the following system:

IBRO support:

- Three (03) quotas of USD 450 to foreign participants;
- Four (04) quotas of **USD 250** to participants coming from other Brazilian states:

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- Three (03) quotas of USD 450 to foreign participants;
- Ten (10) quotas of USD 250 to participants coming from other Brazilian states;

Amounts will be paid in Brazilian currency (Real - R\$) converted from U.S. Dollars according to the exchange ratio effective on the date of the transfer of funds to the Organizing Committee.

6 - FINAL REMARKS

Candidates do not need to be registered in the Workshop when submitting the application in order to successfully participate in the selection process. On the other hand, travel-aid will be paid to the selected applicant only if he/she is regularly registered in the conference, including payment of registration fee.





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Payment to selected applicants will be carried out on the first day of the Workshop, irrevocably conditioned to his/her presence in the conference venue. Funding will be electronically transferred to accounts of Banco do Brasil, preferentially. If the beneficiary does not own an account on this bank, travel-aid will be paid in cash.

All the beneficiaries who have submitted work to the conference must acknowledge the support on both their presentation slides/posters and on their manuscripts/abstracts in order to be eligible for receiving the travel-aid. Authors will have the opportunity to modify their texts to include the proper mention to IBRO or Plexon Inc, according to the source. Logos for the slides and posters will be also provided.

For further information, please contact the Organizing Committee at lawcn@ufma.br

São Luís, October 23rd, 2021.

Organization Committee



