Grants for Students and early stage researchers living in -and coming from- developing countries to attend INTERACT 2021 in Bari, Italy (August 30-September 3, 2021)

The 18th edition of the INTERACT\(^1\) conference on HCI, run by IFIP TC13, will take place in Bari, Italy, from August 30 to September 3, 2021. As in previous events, the IFIP TC13 and the IFIP Digital Equity Committee will partially support students and early stage researchers living in -and coming from- developing countries to attend the INTERACT 2021 Conference.

These grants are specifically set up to support early stage researchers, and PhD and Master Students who personally present accepted papers in any of the INTERACT conference tracks.

**Grant requirements**

1. To be a registered PhD or Master Student or an early stage researcher\(^2\) in an academic/research institution.
2. To live and study/research in a developing country\(^3\).
3. To co-author and personally present a contribution accepted in INTERACT 2021

**Grants amount**

- All the awardees (attending INTERACT 2021 either on-line or on-site) will receive a **free student registration** to the conference and will be able to participate in workshops and/or tutorials at no cost.
- The grantees attending INTERACT 2021 **on-site** will be reimbursed for the trip expenses to Bari up to a **maximum** of 750 € (depending on the distance travelled), and the accommodation up to a **maximum** of 400 €
- No other expenses will be reimbursed

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\(^1\) More information, including calls and registration can be found in https://www.interact2021.org/

\(^2\) Early stage researchers are postdoctoral researchers who presented their PhD thesis after 01/September/2019 and have not a permanent contract with a company.

\(^3\) Eligible developing countries: https://www.isi-web.org/capacity-building/developing-countries
**Application Procedure**

Applications sent to grant@ifip-tc13.org will be received until July 1, 2021. They must include:
1. Short CV of the candidate
2. A copy of the acceptance of a contribution to INTERACT 2021 (co-)authored by the candidate
3. A letter of support from the doctoral supervisor (for students) or the head of the research group (for early stage researchers), indicating whether or not the candidate receives other funds to attend the conference and the amount (note that these grants are compatible with partial support from other institutions). This letter must specify the type of contract/scholarship that links the student/early stage researcher with the institution, and must be sent directly by the signatory to the IFIP TC13 grants committee (grant@ifip-tc13.org)

**Important dates**

- Applications must be submitted by **June 28, 2021**.
- Notification of results: **July 1, 2021** (the names of the grantees will also be published in the Conference website).

**Selection Criteria**

The travel grants will be allocated to early stage researchers and PhD and Master students, with accepted contributions, coming from and living in developing countries, on need-basis. In similar situations, priority will be given to female, people with disabilities and minority groups.

**Payment of Grants**

Due to management restrictions, all grants will be paid (either by the organization of INTERACT 2021 or the IFIP Development Fund) after the conference in Bari through bank transfer, after presenting the receipts for travel and lodging. The grantees will be required to provide an account number valid for international bank transfer. No cash payments will be made. Therefore, all students and early stage researcher awarded one of the grants announced here will be responsible for advancing their full costs to trip to Bari and lodge there.