



IEEE Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition Workshop Travel Grant Competition

Workshop Travel Grants to Encourage Students to Study Gesture and Dialog

The study of gesture interpretation and dialog between humans and between human and machine has never been more exciting. New tools for research allow investigators to peer ever deeper into the human mechanisms for gesture and dialog formation and comprehension. At the same time, the progress of interfaces for human/computer and human/robot interaction have magnified the ability of people to use machines to study themselves in this intimate way. As a result, a larger and more diverse group of researchers is contributing to the field and expanding the quantity and quality of research results. To capitalize on this interest and national need, the [U.S. National Science Foundation](#) (NSF), in conjunction with the [Workshop on Adaptive Shot Learning for Gesture Understanding And Production](#) is sponsoring student travel grants to the [2017 IEEE Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition](#) to encourage *more* students at U.S. based institutions to study this burgeoning field.

What's Included and Why?

Established students in the field are expected to have funding to travel to conferences such as Face and Gesture to present their work, but new students to the field or students of junior PIs building a reputation in the field may have limited opportunities to attend. This travel grant competition will provide basic travel funds for students *not already planning to attend* to present an accepted paper. Awarded students will be reimbursed for:

- A student member registration fee to IEEE Face and Gesture (up to \$550)
- Up to \$500 of travel costs (airfare, train fare, car mileage, etc)
- Up to 50% of hotel costs (not to exceed \$200)

Total reimbursements are limited to \$1100 per student and don't include meals, per diem, or other miscellaneous costs. Students are expected to double-up on lodging, when possible.

Student Eligibility

Students must be enrolled at a U.S. institution of higher education as a graduate student or have an intention to enroll as a graduate student within two years and they must attend and present a poster at the Workshop on Adaptive-Shot Learning on May 30th. To achieve the goal of encouraging more student participation, students must **not** be attending the conference to present a regular paper at the F&G conference. No more than two students per U.S. institution will be awarded. Preference for grads.

To Enter

Each student should prepare a one-page essay addressing your interest in any aspect of gesture and dialog and the work you plan to present in your poster. You should also get a signed letter of recommendation from your advisor noting you are **not** presenting a paper at the conference and are currently enrolled at a U.S. institution. See <https://engineering.purdue.edu/ASL4GUP/> for more information and submission information. Rolling award decisions will start being made on May 10 and applications will continue to be accepted through May 15.

