

**International Test Commission**  
**Early Career Scholarship Program**  
**Call for Applications**

***Preamble***

The Early Career Scholarship Program is linked to the International Test Commission (ITC) conference (ITC2024) to be held in Granada, Spain, 2-5 July 2024. The theme of the Congress is *Working together to improve cross-cultural assessment and research*.

***Intended for***

Early career scholars in the domain of psychological and/or educational testing and/or assessment from developing and emerging economies.

The main focus of the prestigious ITC Early Career Scholarship Program is to enable recipients to attend the 2024 ITC conference in Granada, Spain ([www.itc2024granada.com](http://www.itc2024granada.com)) and to participate in a special program for early career scholars at the conference. A secondary focus is to provide ongoing opportunities for scholarship recipients to network with each other and experts in the field, to further their professional development and to collaboratively address problems related to psychological and educational testing in developing and emerging economies.

***Funding***

ITC will offer up to five grants (£2000 maximum per grant). The funding is intended for the following:

- Travel and accommodation (including visa costs).
- Conference dinner.

In addition, recipients will receive:

- Free registration during conference.
- Free attendance of a maximum of two pre-conference workshops.
- Two years free ITC membership

***Requirements***

- Eligible applicants are individuals at the early stages of their careers, including recent graduates, practitioners currently working in the field of assessment and measurement, or those who have graduated within the past seven years.
- A prospective applicant must currently work and reside in a low or middle income country to be eligible for the award. A list of countries can be found on the webpage of the World Bank :

<https://datatopics.worldbank.org/world-development-indicators/the-world-by-income-and-region.html>

- Scholars must present in an oral or poster session at the ITC conference.
- Scholar must present in an oral or poster session at a local conference (in his/her country or region)
- Scholars must attend the regular meetings of the Early Career Programme that will occur before and after the Granada Conference.
- Scholar will be required to help organize the ITC webinars.
- Scholar must submit of a short article for ITC's newsletter about their experience with and the status of psychological or educational testing in his/her country.
- Scholars will also be required to:
  - Disseminate knowledge about the work of ITC in their home country (e.g., by writing a paper in a local professional journal or newsletter).
  - Actively network with the other ITC scholars after the conference and participating in electronic discussion forums aimed at exchanging ideas and addressing issues related to testing and assessment in developing and emerging economies.
  - Actively attend the parts of the 2024 conference program intended for sponsored early career scholars.

### ***Application Procedure***

Applications must be submitted to Dr. Felipe Valentini ([valentini.felipe@gmail.com](mailto:valentini.felipe@gmail.com)) before December 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, and include:

- 1) A motivation letter addressing the above requirements (**please find the template attached to this call**)
- 2) A reference letter from a senior academic or professional nominating the candidate.
- 3) A detailed CV.
- 4) An abstract of 100-200 words on a poster or oral presentation topic in the area of Psychological / Educational Testing

ITC will send notification of the award to successful applicants by December, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Sponsored early career scholars will have to make their own travel arrangements based on travel guidelines provided by ITC. Travel and accommodation costs will be submitted for reimbursement after the conference (guidelines for reimbursement will be provided).

**Application deadline: December, 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.**

## Template for the Motivation Letter

**Identification** (name, title, country, age etc.; If you are a member of the ITC, please mention it).

**Graduation.** *Describe your academic background.* Suggested topics: When and where did you graduate? If you are currently a student, mention the start date and university. Please provide details about your thesis. If you are a practitioner, describe your college degree and any relevant courses you have attended.

**Working and Research.** *Detail your involvement in previous studies or professional work related to the field of interest.*

**Previous experience.** *Discuss any previous conferences or events you have attended, focusing on those related to measurement or the specific field of interest.* If you have participated in the ITC conference before, mention it. Additionally, highlight any projects you presented during these conferences or events.

**Motivation.** *Elaborate on your motivation to be a part of the Early Career Program, considering the following aspects:*

*Career Development:* Explain how you believe the program will contribute to your professional growth and development.

*Contribution to the Program:* Describe how your skills, knowledge, and experiences can benefit the Early Career Program.

*Contribution to the ITC in Your Country:* Outline how you envision supporting the ITC in your country, considering the knowledge and networks gained through the program.

*Discovery of the Program:* Share how you learned about the Early Career Program and what attracted you to apply.

**Additional Information:** If there is any supplementary information you would like to provide that could further showcase your qualifications, interests, or achievements, please include it here.

Please note that this template is merely a guideline, and you should feel free to modify it according to your specific requirements and preferences.