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Call for application: IFITT ICT4D Scholarship

Under the IFITT ICT4D Scholarship (Information and Communication Technologies for Development), IFITT (The International Federation for IT in Travel and Tourism) will fund young talents coming from developing/emerging countries, to provide a positive impact onto their respective communities through the application of ICT.

Submission should be connected with a Master or PhD thesis, having a clear orientation to electronic tourism and local development. Awarded students will have the possibility to present their work at ENTER2015 during the PhD workshop.

The scholarship consists of an assignment of a tutor, a non-cash prize for ENTER2015 participation (comprising travel, accommodation and conference fee) and free IFITT membership for one year.

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Submission Guidelines

Submission guidelines are similar to the one of ENTER2015 PhD workshop. The research proposals should be a maximum length of seven (7) pages (A4) and should typically include the following headings:

Page 1: Motivation Letter

- Why is important to attend the PhD workshop & ENTER2015

Page 2-6: Research Outline

- Problem definition
- Literature review
- Conceptual development
- Proposed methodology
- Anticipated results
- References

Page 7: Local development

- Relevance of the research for the local development.

Page 8: Submission Checklist

- Please refer to the last page of this document

The curriculum vitae together with evidences of PhD enrolment and/or university contract should be attached to the application (no pages limit). Please refer to the eligibility criteria.

In your submission, please also indicate your progress toward completion of the thesis (i.e. thinking about it, just beginning the process, completed proposal, etc.)

Each submission will undergo a review process.

What happens after the submission?

Applicants will be notified about the review outcome, along with recommendations to improve the proposal before the workshop. Accepted proposals will be made available as e-book to workshop participants before the PhD Workshop and published on the IFITT website.

Participants are also required to prepare a poster presentation, which will be displayed throughout the entire ENTER2015 conference. The best research proposal will receive an award and will be recognized at the main conference event!

Submission Procedure

Step 1: Please download the PhD-Workshop Author Advice as a style guide
<http://enter2015.org/Call-for-Research-Proposals-106.htm>

Step 2: Submit your proposal via email to Dr Alessandro Inversini (ainversini@burnemouth.ac.uk). Please note: the submission should consist of ONE single PDF file.

Time Schedule

- (* Submission Deadline: September 1, 2014
- (* Initial feedback: 25th September, 2014
- (* Submit final revised proposal: 10th October, 2014
- (* Final acceptance: 30th October, 2014

PhD Workshop: 3rd February, 2015
ENTER Conference: 3rd – 6th February, 2015

(* Please note that submission deadlines differ from the one of PhD workshop in order to facilitate the visa procedure.

Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be enrolled in a University program either PhD (priority) or Master (or equivalent) in the below listed eligible countries. Evidences should be included in the application.
- The applicant may also have a research/work contract in one University belonging to the below listed eligible countries (e.g. researcher, lecturer). Evidences should be included in the application.
- The contract with the University of the eligible country should expire at least 6 months after ENTER2015 (i.e. July, 2015). Evidences should be included in the application.
- Every applicant can apply only one time per year.
- The University should belong to the “Eligible Countries”.
 - Priority countries (priority)
 - Also eligible countries
- The IFITT ICT4D commission will decide about the scholarship award.
 - Commission is elected by IFITT board
- Scholarship will be ONLY awarded in relation to ENTER2015.
- IFITT will issue an invitation letter to successful candidates conditional to the participation at ENTER2015.
 - Each candidate is responsible for obtaining a valid travel visa and will have to cover all cost that occurs from that.

Conditions about the non-cash prize

- The non-cash prize consists of:
 - An invitation from IFITT (International Federation of IT in Travel and Tourism) to attend ENTER2015 in Lugano (Switzerland) from 3rd to 6th February 2015.
 - Return international economy flights to the nearest airport (Milan and/or Zurich) from the nearest major airport to the candidate’s university.
 - Four nights accommodation.
 - Return transfer from/to airport to city accommodation at the destination.
 - The non-cash prize is not transferable.

All flight and accommodation bookings will be made by the IFITT unless otherwise agreed in writing with candidates. Any changes to flight and accommodation bookings made by IFITT will need to be organised by the

participants themselves; and any additional cost as a result of these changes will be borne by the participant.

Successful candidates are responsible for their own documentation, including visas, passports, travel/health insurance and the right to enter Switzerland and any other travel or like documentation required by the Successful candidate's country and/or Swiss laws. IFITT, will provide documentation to support visa applications for successful candidates.

IFITT and ENTER2015 organizers will not be held liable for any loss, damage or injury that results directly or indirectly from a candidate taking part in any aspect of the non-cash prize. Where relevant, successful candidates agree that they take full responsibility for any activities engaged in while travelling and engaging in the non-cash prize.

Eligible Countries (Priority Countries)

<http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups>

Low-income economies (\$1,025 or less)			36
Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Mozambique	
Bangladesh	Guinea	Myanmar	
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Nepal	
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Niger	
Burundi	Kenya	Rwanda	
Cambodia	Korea, Dem Rep.	Sierra Leone	
Central African Republic	Kyrgyz Republic	Somalia	
Chad	Liberia	Tajikistan	
Comoros	Madagascar	Tanzania	
Congo, Dem. Rep	Malawi	Togo	
Eritrea	Mali	Uganda	
Ethiopia	Mauritania	Zimbabwe	

Also Eligible Countries

Lower-middle-income economies (\$1,026 to \$4,035)			54
Albania	Indonesia	Samoa	
Armenia	India	São Tomé and Príncipe	
Belize	Iraq	Senegal	
Bhutan	Kiribati	Solomon Islands	
Bolivia	Kosovo	South Sudan	
Cameroon	Lao PDR	Sri Lanka	
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Sudan	
Congo, Rep.	Marshall Islands	Swaziland	
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Syrian Arab Republic	
Djibouti	Moldova	Timor-Leste	
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Mongolia	Tonga	
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine	
Fiji	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan	
Georgia	Nigeria	Vanuatu	
Ghana	Pakistan	Vietnam	
Guatemala	Papua New Guinea	West Bank and Gaza	
Guyana	Paraguay	Yemen, Rep.	
Honduras	Philippines	Zambia	
Upper-middle-income economies (\$4,036 to \$12,475)			54
Angola	Ecuador	Palau	
Algeria	Gabon	Panama	
American Samoa	Grenada	Peru	
Antigua and Barbuda	Iran, Islamic Rep.	Romania	
Argentina	Jamaica	Russian Federation	
Azerbaijan	Jordan	Serbia	
Belarus	Kazakhstan	Seychelles	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Latvia	South Africa	
Botswana	Lebanon	St. Lucia	
Brazil	Libya	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Suriname	
Chile	Macedonia, FYR	Thailand	
China	Malaysia	Tunisia	
Colombia	Maldives	Turkey	
Costa Rica	Mauritius	Turkmenistan	
Cuba	Mexico	Tuvalu	
Dominica	Montenegro	Uruguay	
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Venezuela, RB	

PLEASE COMPLETE AND INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION

2015 IFITT ICT4D Scholarship Submission Checklist

Name: _____

Research title: _____

Status of the research: _____

I hereby declare that the following documents are enclosed in my application:

- Motivation Letter
- Research Outline and Relevance to Local Development
- Curriculum Vitae
- Proofs of IFITT ICT4D eligibility (please refer to eligibility criteria)

How did you hear about the competition? _____

I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the eligibility criteria of the ICT4D scholarship competition.

I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the ICT4D scholarship competition.

Signature
