

Sherry Chen Handicapped Scholarship Program 2011

To encourage physical handicapped students to pursue PhD studies, a financial aid and scholarship program has been set up since 2011 by the Society. The program intends to award potential physical handicapped PhD students, who demonstrate outstanding academic performance.

Important information on qualifications, documentation, selection criteria, notification and submission deadline are listed below.

➤ **Qualifications**

The candidate should meet all of the following criteria:

- Applicants who are pursuing PhD studies,
- Applicants who have seriously physical disabilities,
- Applicants whose GPA are above 3.5,
- Applicants who are the first-authors of accepted SSCI/SCI journal papers.

➤ **Documentation**

The following documents must be included in the application:

- A cover page with your full name, contact information,
- A medical certificate from a public hospital which describes your physical disability,
- A transcript which lists the mark of each course and your GPA,
- A copy of the acceptance letter from the SSCI/SCI journal editors,
- The name and contact information of your advisor/supervisor,
- A brief description which highlights your past contribution to the research community in general and/or the APSCE in particular,
- A letter of recommendation from your advisor/supervisor endorsing your contribution to the community in the past.

➤ **Selection Criteria**

Only applicants who have met the aforementioned qualifications are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to those who have contributed as an individual to the research community in any form or have participated in prior ICCE(s). Applicants whose papers have been recommended by the paper review panel for Best Student Paper Award/Best Paper Award will have an added advantage. Special attention will be given to self-financed students of their PhD programs. In addition, priority will be given to students whose papers have been accepted for

the ICCE theme-based conference, followed by workshop and lastly DSC papers.

➤ **Submission deadline**

November 24, 2011 (Thursday)

➤ **Number and Amount Awarded**

Only one student will be awarded the amount of USD 5,000 to support his/her PhD study. The award will be given out via an open ceremony (eg, welcome party, open ceremony or closing ceremony). **Awardees who are unable to attend the ceremony for which they were selected to receive this award must forfeit their award.** Awardees are required to attend all possible sessions throughout the conference.

➤ **Notification**

Applicants will be notified via e-mail of the outcome of their applications. A successful applicant will be required to submit a report (suggested length: 500 words) indicating how they benefited from the award after half a year. The report will be published in a reserved section of the APSCE Newsletter.

➤ **Submission and queries**

Complete applications should be e-mailed to Professor Sherry Y. Chen (sherry@cl.ncu.edu.tw). Any queries can also be directed to Professor Sherry Y. Chen.