ARFTG Student Sponsorship Program

This program, established by ARFTG and funded through its corporate sponsors, is open to all M.S. and Ph.D. students. This initiative will provide support for these students to help defray the expenses of attending the 92nd ARFTG Conference, January 20-23, 2019, at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida: http://www.arftg.org.

The sponsorship includes:

- Free ARFTG registration for the conference, ARFTG workshop, users' forums, ARFTG lunches and breakfasts
- Hotel accommodation [up to three (3) nights prepaid room fee and taxes at the conference hotel. No other hotels are covered with the sponsorship and the student is responsible for additional nights and any other services charged to the room].

To qualify for an award:

- All applicants must submit an application with a personal statement.
- Applications must be submitted through supervisors.
- Each supervisor is limited to two student applicants.
- Supervisors are expected to pay for transportation to/from conferences.
- Successful applicants are expected to be present at the entire ARFTG conference and provide at least two (2) hours of service at the conference.
- Successful applicants must be the lead author and present at least one of the following at the ARFTG conference: an oral paper, an interactive paper, or a workshop presentation.
- An applicant may not be an ARFTG Fellowship recipient.
- A student may only be sponsored once.

Deadlines:

- The deadline for application submissions (from the student's supervisor) is October 26, 2018, which is also the deadline for paper abstract submissions.
- Applicants and supervisors will be notified of awards by November 26, 2018, which is three days after the paper acceptance notification date.

Additional Notes:

- Supervisors should submit one file per student merging this application and other documents into one PDF file and naming it as follows: Surname_Initial_application.pdf,

for example: Jane Doe application file -> Doe_j_application.pdf. All applications must be sent via email by the supervisor to the ARFTG Sponsorship Chair (sponsorship@arftg.org). The supervisor should include the student's email in the CC: block of the submission email.

- It is the student's responsibility to arrange for the required presentation by submitting an abstract/summary paper to the ARFTG conference OR agreeing to present at a workshop (if approached by the workshop organizer). The workshop option should be completed before submitting an application. An abstract/summary submission should be done in parallel with the sponsorship application, and a sponsorship award is conditional on paper acceptance. If submitting an abstract, it must be submitted through the normal conference system, AND it should also be included in the sponsorship application file.

- Qualifying applications will be reviewed by the ARFTG Sponsorship Review Committee. The acceptance/rejection criteria will include but not be limited to the merits of the student's work and its applicability to ARFTG, the benefit to the student communicated by the student's personal statement, and the benefit to ARFTG from the student's participation. The Review Committee reserves the right to use additional criteria in making its decision, and all decisions of the Review Committee are final.

- Because there is a limited sponsorship budget, preference may be given to students who have not attended ARFTG before.

- ARFTG reserves the right to verify the details in this application against ARFTG records and other resources, if necessary.

- Students are responsible for their own travel insurance, and international students are responsible for receiving any necessary visas.

Conference program at a glance
ARFTG/NIST Measurements Short Course (1 ½ day): Sun, Jan 20th – Mon, Jan 21st
ARFTG Conference (1 ½ day): Mon, Jan 21st – Tues, Jan 22nd
ARFTG Workshop (½ day): Wed, Jan 23rd

Application Form   **Date:** ……………………………………………….

This section is intended for the Student.

Student Last Name (as it appears on passport): …………………………………………….

Student First Name (as it appears on passport): ……………………………………………

Email address: …………………………………………………….

University: ………………………………………………………………………
City, Country: …………………………………………………………………….........

Are you perusing an M.S. or Ph.D. (circle one)?   M.S.   Ph.D.

When did you start your (full time) M.S. or Ph.D. studies and when do you anticipate graduating with your degree? Start: …………………………………………….   Graduate: …………………………………………….

Area(s) of research: ………………………………………………………………………..

If you receive a sponsorship, will you need the hotel option (i.e. not local to conference)?   Yes   No
(This is for budgetary purposes and will not influence the award selection.)

Have you attended an ARFTG conference before?   Yes   No   If yes, when? ………………………………….

Have you applied for an ARFTG Student Fellowship?   Yes   No
      If yes, was it awarded?   Yes   No   In process
      (ARFTG Fellowship recipients are not eligible for a sponsorship award.)

If your application is successful, you are expected to present an oral or interactive paper or an ARFTG workshop presentation at the conference. Which are you submitting or have arranged to give? (Circle one.)
      Oral paper   Interactive paper   Workshop presentation

Title of presentation: …………………………………………………………………………………..

Additionally, successful applicants are required to provide at least two hours of service at the. conference

Please provide a **300-800 word**, personal statement explaining why you want to attend the ARFTG conference and how you would benefit from this sponsorship.

I …………………………………………….….. (The Student) confirm that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to pay for all hotel charges not covered by this sponsorship initiative.

Signature: …………………………………………………………………..

This section is intended for the Principal Supervisor:

Principal Supervisor Name: …………………………………………………….

Department: ………………………………………………….

University: …….

Full address: ……….

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Email address: ………………………………………………………….

How many students are you recommending for this initiative?   1   2
        Each supervisor is limited to two student applicants.

Please provide the students names below:

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I ………………………………………………….….. (The Supervisor) confirm that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge.

                                        Signature: …………………………………………………………………..

All applications (one file per student) must be sent via email by the supervisor to the ARFTG Sponsorship Chair (sponsorship@arftg.org).