# ANNOUNCEMENT: Availability of student travel grants to attend ESEM, IDoESE, and IASESE

The International Software Engineering Research Network is pleased to announce the availability of funding to assist graduate students in attending Empirical Software Engineering International Week (ESEIW) events, specifically IDoESE, IASESE, and ESEM. Travel grants are available in amounts up to US$2500 and can be used to reimburse up to 80% of documented travel expenses (transportation, hotel, registration, and/or meals) for attending either IDoESE or IASESE, and the ESEM conference.

Students wishing to apply for funding should complete the application **by August 15, 2017.** The application consists of two parts, both of which should be sent via email to cseaman@umbc.edu:

- A brief description of the applicant's motivation to participate in ESEIW, including current status of studies, main interest, current research question demonstrating commitment to empirical software engineering, as well as the potential benefit the applicant might have from attending ESEIW. The student should address all the evaluation criteria, below, in their description.
- A support letter from the current supervisor, which discusses how close the student is to finishing their studies, the impact attendance at ESEIW will have on the student's research, and the student's general research area. **PLEASE NOTE** that supervisors of students who apply for a travel grant will be asked to help with reviewing applications from other students and institutions.

Application evaluation and selection will be performed by a committee of three nominated by the ISERN Steering Committee. The selection criteria will be:

- Does the application demonstrate the student's commitment to empirical software engineering research?

- Does the applicant provide a good argumentation for the likelihood that participation in the events will positively impact the student's work?

- Does the applicant have an accepted IDoESE proposal for this year?

- Is the applicant author or co-author of an accepted submission to ESEM this year?

- Will the applicant will be able to attend the workshop if ISERN support is not provided?

- What are the estimated costs? As with any public money, economic use of the funds has to be ensured. Award recipients will have to comply with rules about allowable expenses and reporting.

Decisions will be made and communicated before the early registration deadline for the ESEM conference.

Please direct any questions to Dr. Carolyn Seaman (cseaman@umbc.edu) or Dr. Andreas Jedlitschka (Andreas.Jedlitschka@iese.fraunhofer.de).