



APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All students who present a paper at the Tuna Conference are eligible to be considered for all scholarships, including the Tuna Conference Scholarship and Manuel Caboz Memorial Scholarship. **Current staff and students of Tuna Conference sponsors are ineligible to apply, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11 of the “Tuna Conference Articles of Organization.”** Students who have previously won scholarships are eligible, provided a different research topic is being presented. Scholarships are presented for the best student papers and are determined by a review committee prior to the Conference. Award recipients will be required to give an oral presentation on their paper at the Tuna Conference. Scholarships cover conference fees, and room and board (up to a value of \$1,065).

Scholarships are awarded based on scientific merit and the relevance to the conference theme, which at the 74th conference is **“Bridging and filling the gaps: Uniting stakeholders and science through dialogue for successful conservation and management strategies in pelagic fisheries.”** Presentations of research across the broad spectrum of subjects related to tunas and tuna-like species, the fisheries that interact with them, and the supporting ecosystems are welcomed at the Conference. Relevance to the conference theme is only one of the decision criteria, and students are encouraged to submit a paper on their research on any related subject.

To apply for a scholarship, please fill out the application form completely and attach an abstract, a description of your graduate study and career oriented research goals, a brief academic and professional background, and verification of your current status as a university student as of the date of the conference **May 20, 2024** (examples of acceptable verification include a brief letter on a school letterhead from your advisor or graduate representative, or a photocopy of your current student ID with an expiration date on it). On the application form please describe the status and contribution of any co-authors. If you anticipate having other sources for financial assistance to attend the Conference, please state the type and approximate amount of the funding. This information may influence the amount of financial assistance awarded but will not affect a student's eligibility for the scholarships. All materials, talks, and presentation materials must be presented in English. Materials must be received by **February 6, 2024**. Awards will be announced by **February 23, 2024**. Students who apply for a scholarship will be allowed to register no later than one week after notification of awards. **Please do not send any money with your scholarship application; any fees required will be billed at a later date.**

Email all materials to tunaconferenceinfo@gmail.com no later than **February 6, 2024**.

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