

PROJECT CONNECT STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT



Are you interested in:

- Meeting students from other universities
- Networking with leading industry professionals
- Exploring graduate school opportunities
- Hands-on engineering experiences
- Getting to know Los Angeles

Encourage a friend to apply with you

“My student was enthusiastic about the experience at IMS and because of that he is now applying to pursue a PhD at UIC.”

Danilo Erricolo, Ph.D.
Professor
University of Illinois at Chicago

“I recommend a career in RF/ Microwave Engineering if you want to become a leader of new technologies for the future.”

María F. Córdoba-Erazo
Doctoral Student
Electrical Engineering
University of South Florida



Project Connect is awarding travel grants to the 2020 International Microwave Symposium

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate junior or senior level students, first year graduate students, or other students with experience or interest in engineering or a closely related discipline (e.g. math, physics, etc.). Candidates must be at least 18 years old as of June 21, 2020 and members of under-represented groups in engineering. For example, in the United States these groups include women, American Indian/Native, African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, Native Hawaiian and Native Alaskan. There are no citizenship requirements.

HOW TO APPLY

- Go to <https://ims-ieee.org/students-main/project-connect> and click on the link “Initiate Application Process”
- Submit a completed application package to the Project Connect Selection Committee, imsprojectconnect@gmail.com
- Assistance can be provided to solve schedule conflicts with internships
- A completed application package consists of:

Project Connect Student Travel Grant Application (see following page)

A copy of your unofficial transcript and a letter of recommendation (see reverse side for details)

A short (under 3 minutes) self-documentary video that relates to your career goals and background

First application deadline is March 16, 2020

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WHAT

Students will be selected and awarded a travel grant to attend the International Microwave Symposium in Los Angeles, CA during June 21–26, 2020. During the symposium, students will (1) attend selected high-level talks including the opening and closing ceremonies of the Symposium; (2) participate in social and career development activities aimed at students and interact with industry at events developed specifically for this project; (3) and attend the popular IMS student design competition event.

Specific IMS Connect activities include 1) panel sessions where speakers from industry and academia will share their experiences in Microwave Engineering, and 2) special sessions to help participants with their professional development, such as applying to graduate school and writing effective resumes. Connect Monopoly is the vehicle that students will use to explore the exciting networking, educational, and industrial experiences of IMS 2020 in three action-packed days!

IMS Connect participants will share their IMS 2020 experience with a “Through My Eyes” multimedia presentation at the program wrap-up meeting!

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Graduate students are required to provide a letter of reference from a faculty member, preferably the student’s advisor. Undergraduate students are required to provide a letter of reference from a person that is familiar with the student’s academic or technical background; this could be a faculty member, college advisor, manager from an industry internship, college program coordinator, etc.

Please send only the link to your video (e.g. on YouTube) - DO NOT send the video itself.

The Project Connect team can provide assistance with internship schedule conflict.

A video has been prepared by a former Project Connect participant to help you develop a strong video for your application. See <http://youtu.be/7tZ2UNJB-AU>.

There are a limited number of students that will be accepted into the program, and students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The first submission deadline is **March 16, 2020**. This deadline may be extended depending on the number of applications that are received. Please send application materials to imsprojectconnect@gmail.com.