**Application for the 2021 Neural Interfaces Conference**

**Diversity Attendance Award**

The Neural Interfaces Conference (NIC) organizing committee invites applications for the 2021 NIC Diversity Attendance Award. This attendance award program aims to enhance the diversity of researchers in neural engineering. The program is open to undergraduate students, predoctoral graduate students, and postdoctoral trainees from groups that are underrepresented in the engineering population. Underrepresented groups include, but are not limited to: **women, persons with disabilities, and racial / ethnic groups that are in the minority in engineering, such as African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Pacific Islanders**. We also welcome applications from students who attend institutions which are historically under-represented in the neural interface community or who face financial hardship in attending the meeting.

Award Benefits

* Complimentary registration to attend the virtual [Neural Interfaces Conference](https://neuromodulation.org/Meetings/2021NANS-NICJointMeeting.aspx) on Friday, June 25 – Saturday, June 26, 2021

Application Instructions

In a single PDF file, combine and submit the following to the SMART Network at smartnet@ualberta.ca:

* Completed version of the form below.
* Personal / research statement about your interest in the field of neural interfaces (≤ 500 words)
* Letter of recommendation from a research mentor (for graduate students and postdocs) OR an instructor familiar with the applicant’s capacity for a research career (for undergraduates)

Application Submission Deadline

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 11:59 PM EDT

*Note: All awardees will be required to attend a pre-conference panel session, soon to be announced.*

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**First Name**:

**Last Name**:

**MI**:

**Notification Address**: Street address, City, State, Zip

**Phone Number**:

**Email**:

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

**☐** Male / ☐ Female / ☐ Non-Binary / ☐ Two-Spirit

Race / Ethnicity:

☐ White

☐ Hispanic / Latin American

☐ Black / African American

☐ Asian / South Asian / Southeast Asian / West Asian / Filipino

☐ Native American / Alaska Native / First Nations / Métis / Inuit

☐ Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander

How did you learn about this attendance award? Mark all that apply:

☐ Neural Interfaces Conference website

☐ Research advisor

☐ Undergraduate institution

☐ Direct email

☐ Printed poster

☐ Other

Specify:

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**Current University / Institution**:

**Current Status**:

☐ Undergraduate Student

☐ PhD Student/Candidate

☐ MD/PhD Student

☐ Postdoctoral Fellow

**Department**:

**Study / Research Area**:

**Educational Background**:

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| **Institution** | **Location** | **Dates of Attendance** | **Major Area of Study** | **Degree** | **GPA** |
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**REFERENCES**

Please provide the name and contact information for the person who will provide a letter of recommendation for your application.

**Name**:

**Title**:

**Phone**:

**Email**:

**Relationship to Self** (e.g., research mentor, professor, advisor):

**PDF ATTACHMENTS**

* Personal / research statement about your interest in the field of neural interfaces (≤ 500 words)
* Abstract submitted to the Neural Interfaces Conference (required for graduate and postdoctoral applicants; NOT required for undergraduate applicants). *If you are a graduate student or a postdoc and have already submitted an abstract by the abstract submission deadline, please include that in this award application. If you did not submit an abstract by the deadline, please submit an abstract as part of this award application.*
* Letter of recommendation from a research mentor (for graduate students and postdocs) OR an instructor familiar with the applicant’s capacity for a research career (for undergraduates)