

2022 FAIC Latin American and Caribbean Scholarships to Attend the AIC Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California, USA

The 50th Annual Meeting of American Institute for Conservation (AIC) will be held at the Westin Bonaventure hotel in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A. May 13 – 17, 2022. Visit <https://www.culturalheritage.org/events/annual-meeting> for meeting details.

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) is seeking funding to enable conservation professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean to participate in the 2022 AIC Annual Meeting. FAIC is working with [APOYOnline](#) to provide interpretation and support. Conservation professionals with a minimum of three years of experience and currently employed in the conservation field may apply. Priority will be given to new applicants; previous scholarship recipients may apply again. Partial support of meeting registration, airfare, and hotel, costs will be emphasized.

Please read the following information carefully.

- Applicants must complete a scholarship application ***in English*** through FAIC's online system by **midnight Eastern Time on September 17, 2021** <https://culturalheritage.secure-platform.com:443/a/solicitations/1170/home>. Begin by creating a free login in order to enter the site.

The online application will ask for the following information:

- **Personal information:** full name, address, e-mail, phone number.
 - **Resume or curriculum vitae (CV),** which should include education, currently employment, past employment, and conservation tasks performed for each position you have held. Maximum three pages. Please do not include photos.
 - **Abstract for a presentation,** either verbal (20- to 30-minute session) or non-verbal (poster), preferably on the topic of the conference. The abstract (maximum 500 words) needs to be written in English and the applicant's native language.
 - **A commitment to attend all sessions and events in the conference.**
 - **Visa information.** If the applicant does not have a visa, she/he will have 4 months to obtain it, from the date the scholarship is awarded (approximately November 15, 2021). FAIC will send a letter of award to be presented by the applicant at the respective American Consulate. The costs associated with the visa will be the responsibility of the applicant.
 - **A statement on how much the applicant could personally contribute** to her/his expenses or from other sources of funding such as her/his institution or local foundations.
- **Applicants must ALSO submit a completed abstract** (in English only; 500 words maximum) **and a speaker biography** (300 words maximum) **directly to the AIC online abstract system, by September 17.** (See <https://www.culturalheritage.org/events/annual-meeting> for details.)
 - The 2022 conference theme, "Reflecting on the Past, Imagining the Future" will encompass presentations about the past, present, and future of conservation in a rapidly changing world. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the American Institute for Conservation. The field of cultural heritage preservation has grown immeasurably since 1972, with the introduction of new treatment methodologies, analytical techniques, and conservation materials. We all are also

facing increasingly global issues such as climate change, social justice, and mass displacement and migration of peoples, which will require new approaches and collaborations. As we celebrate and reflect on AIC's first fifty years, we invite contributions that: examine with modern eyes the history of the field, its practice and practitioners; address concerns we are facing now; and explore and imagine our next half century.? Where do we want AIC to be in the year 2072, and what steps should we take to get there

- Applicants who would like feedback on their abstract prior to submission to the abstract system can **email their abstract to funding@culturalheritage.org by August 31, 2021.**
- Applicants should be aware of the approximate costs associated with attending the conference. The FAIC scholarship may cover the cost of meeting registration, workshop/tours, hotel (single occupancy, 6 nights in Los Angeles), and airfare from the applicant's city to Los Angeles.

Please be aware of the following additional costs:

Food and miscellaneous	Applicant pays
Additional nights at hotel	Applicant must pay hotel directly for additional nights
Ground transportation between applicant's home and airport	Applicant pays
Ground transportation from airport in Los Angeles to hotel	Applicant pays
Travel document fee(s)	Applicant pays
Visa	Applicant pays

- Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Applicants will be notified of their award status six to eight weeks after the deadline. The selection will be based on:
 - The quality of a proposed presentation (a 20 to 30-minute talk or a poster).
 - Previous opportunities to attend international meetings.
 - Number of applicants from each country.
 - Ability to communicate in English (there will be no simultaneous interpretation provided).
 - Ability to share information gained from the AIC Annual Meeting.
 - Availability of financial support from employer or other sources.

For more information, contact: funding@culturalheritage.org