

PROJECT CONNECT STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT

Networking, Mentoring, Connecting



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"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

"IMS Project Connect allowed me to gain the time, means, and access to career opportunities and leaders in the RF and Microwaves field."

Project Connect Participant



Project Connect is awarding travel grants to the 2025 International Microwave Symposium

WHAT IS IMS?

The International Microwave Symposium (IMS) is the flagship conference for the IEEE Microwave Theory & Technology Society. Typically, over 9,000 people and more than 700 companies — including the biggest companies in the wireless industry — participate in this week-long conference.

WHAT IS PROJECT CONNECT?

Project Connect is focused on broadening the participation of students from underrepresented groups in the field of wireless and microwave engineering, by providing opportunities for networking, mentoring and connecting with other students, professors and industry leaders. By participating in Project Connect, you can

- Explore conference events at IMS (talks, poster sessions, etc.) with a cohort of students and meet with hundreds of companies
- Learn about graduate school and job opportunities
- See the latest and upcoming wireless technology
- Meet industry experts and academic leaders and expand your professional network

Application deadline: March 8, 2025.
Application details are on the back side.



WHAT

Students will be selected and awarded a grant to attend the International Microwave Symposium (IMS) in San Francisco, CA on June 15-20, 2025. 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!

IMS Connect participants will share their IMS 2025 experience with a “Through My Eyes” multimedia presentation at the program wrap-up meeting!

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 (1) must be at least 18 years old as of June 15, 2025, and (2) members of under-represented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. 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 - SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 08, 2025

Go to <https://ims-ieee.org/project-connect> and click on the “How to Apply” link or go to the initial application form at <https://forms.gle/tnPaPqkHmX8k1mMM6>.

After completing the initial application, you will have 1-2 weeks to submit the following information to the Project Connect Selection Committee at imsprojectconnect@gmail.com:

- an unofficial copy of your transcript and
- a link to a short video (<3 min) that describes:
 - your career goals and background,
 - why you are a good candidate for Project Connect and
 - how attending IMS will benefit your educational and career plans.
- Instead of the video, you may also submit a 0.5-1 page written statement that includes the same information and a photo of yourself.

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.

For questions, send an email to imsprojectconnect@gmail.com.

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 submission deadline is **March 08, 2025**. Please send application materials to imsprojectconnect@gmail.com.



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