

Diversity in Action InterActivity 2018 Scholarship Application

Submission Deadline: January 12, 2018

The goals of the Diversity in Action InterActivity 2018 Scholarship Program are to attract, encourage retention, and support professional development of museum staff with diverse backgrounds in the children's museum field. The program also recognizes children's museum professionals that play an active role in advancing diversity through effective museum programs and policies.

The scholarship provides individuals complimentary registration to InterActivity 2018: *Open Source Play, Sharing the Creative Code*, May 15–18, in Raleigh, NC, and a ticket to the host museum evening event. Travel to InterActivity, food, and hotel accommodations are the responsibility of the selected recipient. The scholarship is open to both museum professionals and students.

Please note: applicants who are not awarded a scholarship and wish to attend InterActivity will be able to register at the Early Bird rate.

Professional Scholarship:

Provides leadership development and peer-networking opportunities by attending InterActivity 2018.

Eligibility:

Individuals may apply for a professional scholarship if they meet the following criteria:

- Self-identifies with one or more minority groups (some examples are: racial/ethnic minority, person with a disability, or LGBTQ);
- Is an ACM member, or works for an ACM member institution;
- Has not attended InterActivity within the past two (2) years (2016 or 2017);
- Is working to increase diversity in the museum field, in their community, and/or in their institution;
- Demonstrates a desire to enhance their career in the children's museum or larger museum field;
- Has been employed at their present institution full-time for at least one year prior to date of application submission.

Required Documentation:

Current resume/CV or current job description.

Student Scholarship:

Provides an opportunity to gain greater professional understanding of the children's museum field and enhance one's professional network by attending InterActivity 2018. In addition to complimentary registration, awardee will also receive a complimentary, one-year student membership to ACM.

Eligibility:

Individuals may apply for a student scholarship if they meet the following criteria:

- Self-identifies with one or more minority groups (some examples are: racial/ethnic minority, person with a disability, or LGBTQ);
- Attending an accredited graduate program, or graduated from an accredited program within the past two years;
- Demonstrates an interest in working in the children's museum or larger museum field;
- Has not attended InterActivity within the past two (2) years (2016 or 2017);
- ACM membership is NOT required.

Required Documentation:

- Current resume/CV
- Official copy of your current course registration or proof of graduation.

Application:

Please complete and return this application form. There is no limit to the number of applications that a single museum may submit, however only one individual will be awarded from a single institution. You may support your application by sending electronic files no larger than 1MB. All application fields are required.

Complete Sections I and II. Section III: please choose **one** of two scholarship categories. The category chosen will determine which essay questions to complete.

I. Name and Contact Information

First and last name:

Title:

Name of ACM member museum
(if not a student):

Phone:

Email:

II. Diversity

What does diversity mean to you? Limit 200 words.

Please describe your vision of diversity at your institution or in the children's museum/museum field at large. How can this vision be achieved? Limit 500 words.

III. Scholarship Categories

Please choose **one** scholarship category:

Professional

Student

Have you ever attended an InterActivity conference?

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the last year you attended:

Answer the following essay questions according to the category chosen above:

Professional Scholarship

What is your current position and what are your current and/or future professional career goals? Limit 200 words.

How would attending InterActivity 2018 help you achieve your career goals? Limit 200 words.

Student Scholarship

What is your academic focus and what are your future career goals? Limit 200 words.

How would attending InterActivity 2018 help in making your career goals a reality? Limit 200 words.

By checking the boxes below you agree to the terms of the Diversity in Action Scholarship Program.

- Awardees are responsible for covering the costs of travel, lodging, and meals for the full three days of the conference. The estimated total per diem rate for three days in Raleigh is \$699 (\$174 per day for lodging; \$59 per day for meals and other expenses). If selected, I am able to secure funds to pay for all travel expenses to InterActivity.
- I certify that all statements and information submitted in this application are valid and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- If awarded, I agree to participate in conference activities to be determined by ACM and allow my name and likeness to be shared in ACM publications and on the ACM website.
- I understand it is my responsibility to notify ACM immediately if changing circumstances prevent me from attending InterActivity 2018 due to personal reasons, so that ACM may grant another qualifying candidate a Diversity in Action scholarship.
- Professional Scholarship applicants: My supervisor is fully aware of the benefits and responsibilities of this opportunity and endorses my application by signing below.

Supervisor Name _____ Supervisor Title _____

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Please send your completed application and any supporting electronic materials (1 MB limit) to Membership@ChildrensMuseums.org by **January 12, 2018**.