

— **Announcement** —

2012 Raj Mittra Travel Grants

Two 2012 Raj Mittra Travel Grants (RMTG) exist to partially support travel by one young and one established doctoral scientist to attend the joint 2012 IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation and USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 8-14, 2012. Symposium submissions are due January 17, 2012; **applications for the RMTG are due January 31, 2012**. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply after carefully reviewing the following information to ensure their eligibility and ability to comply with application requirements and deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates need not be members of either IEEE or URSI, but must have a contribution accepted for presentation at the 2012 joint meeting. Conference submission details can be found at <http://www.ece.uic.edu/2012aps-ursi/>. Candidates should expect to apply for the RMTG before receiving notification that their Symposium submission has been accepted.

AWARDS: One grant in the amount of \$750 is available to a postdoctoral junior scientist pursuing research in areas of traditional interest to AP-S or Commission B of URSI. Junior researcher applicants should have earned a Ph.D. degree sometime during the five-year period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2011. A second grant for \$1,000 may be awarded to a senior researcher (Ph.D. earned before January 1, 2007) associated with a research or educational institution, and who has an active research program in areas of interest to AP-S or URSI Commission B. For the senior award, preference may be given to scientists from developing countries. Symposium registration fees will be waived for RMTG awardees. Since award presentations are made at the meeting, awardees must make their own arrangements to cover travel expenses to the meeting to receive the award.

APPLICATION & SCHEDULE: Every effort will be made to conduct the entire application process by E-mail. To receive an E-mail application kit with filing instructions, please request an RMTG Application Kit from the awards Chair at wilton@uh.edu. The kit details items each applicant must submit. These include short biographical and research activity summaries, and copies of all summaries or abstracts submitted to the Symposium. Applicants must also solicit reference letters, a statement of need for travel support, and a letter of endorsement from the candidate's institution. The latter statement is intended to indicate the institution's willingness to supplement travel expenses on an as-needed basis if the candidate is selected to receive a grant. Though E-mail submission of all items is much preferred, externally solicited items may also be sent by standard postal service or by fax. No application can be processed until the award Chair receives all application materials, which are due **January 31, 2012**. The process of selecting awardees or alternates should be completed by early March.

SELECTION: Awardees are selected by the RMTG Committee, and an awardee's selection is based primarily on the candidate's potential or demonstrated aptitude for research; for senior researchers, however, financial need may be a secondary consideration. Awardees must also have their abstracts or summaries accepted for presentation at the meeting. Successful RMTG candidates will be notified of their selection as soon as possible upon completion of the selection process.