

James R Webb ARES Foundation International Scholar Sponsorships

Call for 2026 Applications

The James R Webb ARES Foundation International Scholar Sponsorships support International real estate scholars from emerging markets to attend and present their research at the American Real Estate Society conference in Sandestin, Florida, March 25-29, 2026. The award can be used to pay for conference registration, lodging, airfare, ground transportation and visa fees with a maximum award of US\$3000. International scholars in real estate, finance, economics, housing, urban planning, and other fields relevant to real estate/property from emerging markets who are members of IRES sister societies are invited to apply.

To apply for the **James R Webb ARES Foundation International Scholar Sponsorship**, complete the online form at: <https://www.ares.org/page/international-scholar-travel-sponsorship> as soon as possible, but no later than **30th September 2025**. Approvals will be made on a rolling basis and will include alternates who could be offered sponsorship if the initial recipients are unable to attend. Recipients will be provided with a letter of invitation and a statement of financial support to assist with a visa application, if necessary. The visa approval process must be started with sufficient time to obtain an interview and approval.

To qualify for this program, the recipient must:

- Be a member of an IRES sister society.
- Agree to attend all official dates of the conference for which expenses are reimbursed.
- Actively participate in the conference by presenting a paper, appearing on a panel or attending a board or special interest meeting.

Preference will be given to academics/researchers who have not received financial support from the ARES Foundation in the past and who already hold a US visa. Doctoral students should apply to the ARES Foundation Doctoral Program for support instead.

The following estimates can be used to budget for the conference:

Registration fee: Part-time instructor \$250; full-time academic \$525, professional \$750

Conference hotel: \$275 per night (alternative accommodation is acceptable)

Nearest airport: Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport (VSP); ground transportation \$150 roundtrip

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Karen M. Gibler, Co-International Liaison at: kgibler@gsu.edu