



IALD Education Trust 2025 Stipend Program

Apply to attend the Educator Workshop at EA25

Please read this document in its entirety before applying.

All educators currently teaching post-secondary courses in lighting design are invited to apply for an IALD Education Trust Travel Stipend to attend a one-day workshop on Thursday, 9 October, and receive one (1) complimentary registration for the complete [IALD Enlighten Americas 2025](#) conference experience from 9 to 11 October.

Workshop participants will facilitate the development of new programs and resources for students and educators by providing insight into topics such as content development, outreach, community building, and the future of lighting design education.

Selected applicants will receive one (1) complimentary EA25 conference registration, four (4) nights of hotel accommodation, and funding to offset travel costs.

Applications are accepted through 4 August 2025. Selected applicants will be notified by the end of August.

ELIGIBILITY

Full-time and part-time lighting educators from all countries are encouraged to apply, although all applications must be submitted in English.

Applicants do not need to be a full-time professor of lighting design; any instructor providing post-secondary education in lighting design is eligible.



REGISTRATION

Selected applicants will receive a complimentary code to be applied when completing registration for IALD Enlighten Americas 2025.

ACCOMMODATION

Selected applicants will receive four (4) nights of lodging at the IALD-appointed venue. Details will be provided via email once those applicants are notified of their selection.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Selected applicants are required to attend the Educator Workshop on Thursday, 9 October. Plan to arrive in Tucson on Wednesday, 8 October. (The IALD Education Trust will also host an educator reception at the EA25 conference; details to follow.)

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

Selected applicants traveling domestically will be reimbursed up to \$600 (USD), and those traveling internationally will be reimbursed up to \$1,000 (USD) for travel costs. Reimbursements will be processed after the conference. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

AWARDEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Awardees are required to respond to all emails within three business days.
- All travel arrangements are the responsibility of the awardee.
- You will be responsible for all charges and retain all receipts, then submit them after the event to be reimbursed up to your award amount. If you go over the amount awarded, additional costs will not be reimbursed.
- All international travel visas are the responsibility of the awardee.
- Awardees are expected to attend the Educator Workshop and reception. Event details will be communicated in advance.
- Failure to attend the event for which your stipend was awarded will result in forfeiture of your stipend. Please ensure that all travel-related documents and visas are in order and report any significant issues to the [IALD Education Trust Director](#) in advance of the conference/tradeshow.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will I know if I was awarded a travel stipend?

A: Awardees will be notified in late August 2025

Q: I teach courses at a community college. Am I eligible?

A: Yes, if you are currently teaching at least one course in architectural lighting design, you are eligible to apply.

Q: I received a travel stipend last year. Am I still eligible?

A: Yes. Previous limitations on the number of Trust stipends educators can receive are suspended for 2025.

Q: Are there any application fees?

A: No, but please remember that you will not be reimbursed for your travel expenses until after the conference.

Q: Does the stipend cover meals?

A: No. However, breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served onsite on Friday and Saturday of the conference.

Q: How are the submissions evaluated?

A: Submissions are evaluated by the Stipend Committee, which consists of lighting educators, practicing professionals, and past stipend recipients. Failure to follow the directions may result in your application being rejected.

Q: Which email address should I use as my contact?

A: Use the email address you check regularly. If you don't respond to your offer within one (1) week, it may be given to another applicant.

Q: Can I attend the rest of the EA25 seminars and sessions?

A: Yes, stipend winners will receive one complete conference registration. The conference's professional development sessions begin on Friday, 10 October.

Q: How will I be reimbursed?

A: You will be reimbursed via check or bank transfer. After attending the event, please submit a reimbursement form along with your receipts for flights, hotel, registration, and other related expenses. The [IALD Education Trust Director](#) will provide the form before the event. The reimbursement process can take up to 30 days.

Do you have other questions? Email the [IALD Education Trust Director](#).