

Conference Scholarship Committee
Report to the 2016 Winter Meeting of the Policy Council
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Summary

Last year we again provided partial scholarships in the form of registration fee waivers and accommodation. We raised a small amount of money via a donation campaign and have made contributions in support of conference scholarships easier to make. We are looking at ways of helping with Summer School.

Comments

Generally, the conference scholarship program has been very successful. It provides quite minimal support – a waived registration fee and some help with accommodation via a small cash stipend or a provided hotel room. The small support is, however, extremely helpful to people who are right at the margin of being to attend the conference and helps bring in people who might not otherwise make it.

The key opportunity and challenge for the scholarship committee is to incorporate the summer school into the scholarship program. The summer school, which has now been run for two years (thanks to Erik and Len), is a wonderful opportunity for people to both learn more technique and get a little bit of face time with some of the top people in the field. We hope to do more to make it possible for deserving people to attend – if not this year than next.