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Dear Sofia Viarengo,

The IEEE Council on Superconductivity and its Awards Committee congratulates you on being awarded a 2023 IEEE Council on Superconductivity Graduate Study Fellowship! You will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 (USD), an inscribed certificate, and a complimentary IEEE student membership (or renewal), which includes membership in one of CSC's eleven [Member Societies](#). Please fill out this [Web Form](#) for obtaining the complimentary IEEE Student Membership.

Information Collection

I am asking that you provide your legal name (as it would appear on your tax form), affiliation, email address, phone number, current mailing address, the award you are receiving, a headshot photo, a short biography, and upload your Wire Transfer Form by June 30th using this [web form](#). Please complete all the fields. **Please submit all information by July 1, if possible.**

W-8 or W-9 Tax Form

IEEE Headquarters (HQ) takes care of sending all award amounts to recipients. IEEE HQ recently underwent a financial system change to NextGen, and this has impacted the way they work with our awardees to issue award funds. The NextGen system will allow for the electronic submission of tax documents directly by you, the award recipients, to ensure the confidentiality of your personal information. Award recipients will now be required to have a completed profile in NextGen. Once the account profile has been completed, you will be able to upload your tax form directly into the database.

To begin the profile setup process, I will provide IEEE staff with your legal name (as it would appear on your tax form), email address, current mailing address, and phone number. Staff will then confirm if you already have a profile in our database and confirm if all information matches what is on file. If you have an existing profile in the database, no additional actions are required. If you are not in the database or changes are needed, IEEE staff will initiate the set-up/change process. You will then receive an email notification to finish the process and upload your required tax forms. Once your information has been uploaded and validated, IEEE staff will then be able to process the award honoraria for payment.

Awards Agreement

Please review the attached Awards Agreement. **Do not sign this.** IEEE will send it to you via DocuSign to the email you provide to us in the web form. Please just verify the information and make changes if necessary and send back to me.

Award Presentation

We plan to honor you at both the 2023 European Conference on Applied Superconductivity (EUCAS), in Bologna, Italy from 3rd to 7th September 2023 and the 2023 International Magnet Technology Conference (MT28), in Aix-en-Provence, France from 10th – 15th September at an Awards Presentation during each conference. Please inform cscawards@conferencecatalysts.com if you intend to attend one, both, or neither of the listed conferences above. In the event of conference cancellations or postponements, we will arrange the physical award of your certificate at a mutually agreeable conference in our field. In any case, we will provide your honorarium as soon as possible.

We are very pleased to see that this Fellowship, in a short time since its inception, has become a very competitive and important award.

Congratulations and Best Regards,



Eric Hellstrom
Chair, IEEE CSC Educational Grants



John Przybysz
President, IEEE Council on Superconductivity