

EMECS 9 Students and Schools Partnership Session(EMECS Grant SSP) and Call for Applications

1. Summary

The International Conference on the Environmental Management of Enclosed Coastal Seas (EMECS Conference) is held with the aim of preserving the environments of enclosed coastal seas throughout the world and ensuring their appropriate use. The 9th EMECS Conference, EMECS 9, will be held August 28 - 31, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. As in the case of past EMECS Conferences, EMECS 9 will include a Students and Schools Partnership Session at which students will give presentations on environmental management activities. Applications are now being accepted from students who wish to give presentations at this session and participate in the other events that will be featured at the conference. In order to assist participants from developing countries and regions, the EMECS Center will provide students who are finally selected from among those who apply with a grant designed to cover a portion of the expense of attending the conference in the United States.

2. Details

Several students will be selected. Applicants should be students who are 18 years of age or younger. They should be willing to give an oral presentation at the Students and Schools Partnership Session on the subject of environmental study, research or management activities being implemented in enclosed coastal seas or coastal zones and related watershed areas, and to participate in an exchange of views regarding such activities.

3. Qualification Requirements

At the time of participation in EMECS 9, the student(s) should be residing in a developing country or region and attending a school in that location. The student should be capable of giving an oral presentation and participating in an exchange of views in English. Students should have received permission to attend EMECS 9 from their parent or guardian and their school. It should also be possible for the student to be accompanied by his or her environmental studies teacher or other escorting personnel.

4. Application Process and Deadline for Submission

Applicants should submit an abstract of their presentation to both the EMECS 9 Secretariat and the International EMECS Center. The abstract should be prepared in accordance with the conditions for submission that have been established by the EMECS 9 Secretariat (see http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/emecs9/call_ab.html).

Abstracts must be received no later than midnight March 31, 2011 (Japan Standard Time).

5. Selection

During the selection process, applicants may be asked to submit their CV as well as additional references or the like. Applicants will be notified by the end of May 2011 regarding the results of selection.

6. Grants

Grants are available to cover a portion of the expenses of attending EMECS 9 up to a maximum of JPY 200,000 per application. Such grants are intended to help towards the cost of transportation, accommodation and the conference registration fees. In similar fashion, the maximum amount of JPY 200,000 shall apply even in cases where there are multiple attendees for a single application. In both of these cases, should the total expenses come to less than JPY 200,000, the lower amount shall apply.

Applicants who wish to receive grants should submit an application form together with documentation (receipts, etc.) to substantiate the amounts for transportation, accommodation and conference registration fees. Once the application is approved, the amount will be sent by bank transfer to the bank account specified by the applicant.

7. Address for Submission

Please submit your application by email to BOTH of the following locations:

EMECS Secretariat — Follow the directions on the EMECS 9 website (http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/emecs9/ss_spec_s.html) to submit your application.

International EMECS Center — Please attach the same file that you submitted to the EMECS 9 Secretariat to an email message with the title "EMECS 9 SSP Grant Application" and send it to e9ssp@emecs.or.jp.

8. Further Information

For more information, please contact the International EMECS Center at:

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