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THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS (ISASI)

# Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship

**Deadline for application submission: April 15, 2021**

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ISASI is a society formed to promote air safety by the exchange of ideas, experiences and information about aircraft accident investigations, and to aid in the advancement of flight safety; to promote technical advancement by providing professional education through lectures, displays and presentations and by the exchange of information for mutual development of improved investigations; to broaden professional relationships among members; to maintain and increase the prestige, standing and influence of the Air Safety Investigator in matters of air safety.

The ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship honors late ISASI members whose contributions have advanced these goals. This award, which includes sponsorship for a student to attend the ISASI Annual Seminar, aims to support and promote a new generation of dedicated aviation safety professionals to carry on the society's objectives. The 2021 ISASI Seminar will be held August 30 – September 2, 2021 and will be a virtual event. The conference theme is "Staying Safe: Moving Forward."

## PURPOSE:

To foster a new generation of ISASI members by encouraging and assisting college-level students interested in the field of aviation safety and aircraft occurrence investigation.

## FUNDING:

The ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship fund is established through donations. One or more awards may be made annually based on availability of funds. Donations may be submitted in honor of a particular individual in which case donors and awardees will be advised of this dedication.

## ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be enrolled as full-time students in a collegiate aviation program, which may include courses in aeronautical/aerospace engineering, aviation operations, aviation psychology, aviation safety and/or aircraft occurrence investigation, etc., with major or minor subjects that focus on aviation safety/accident investigation. Applicant must not be employed full-time in the aviation industry. Applicants must also be able to attend the 2021 ISASI Virtual Seminar.

A student who has previously received the annual ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship will not be eligible to apply for it again.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND:

The President of ISASI will appoint a committee chairman who will select members that form a Scholarship Fund Committee to be executors and administrators of the fund. The ISASI Treasurer will oversee all expenditures. The Scholarship Fund Committee will verify that the education program is at a recognized academic institution and applicable to the aims of the Society. The committee will assess the applications and determine the most suitable candidate(s). The committee's decision is final.

## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:

This award includes funded attendance at the ISASI Annual Seminar. An award of \$2000 will be made to the student(s) who meets the eligibility criteria and is chosen by the Scholarship Fund Committee based on the contents of the application package including an essay submission. The 2021 annual scholarship award will function a bit differently than past awards. This year the award includes funded attendance at the ISASI Virtual Annual Seminar. Additionally, all remaining funds from the scholarship award will be used to cover costs for the seminar registration fees, travel, and accommodation/meals expenses for either the 2022 or 2023 in person seminar. Any expenses above and beyond the

amount of the award will be borne by the recipient. ISASI will assist with coordination and control the expenditure of funds.

In addition, the following are offered to the recipient(s) of the scholarship.

- The winner(s) of the ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship will be given 5-10 minutes during the Annual Virtual Seminar to present highlights from their papers.
- A one-year membership to ISASI at the applicable membership level.
- The Southern California Safety Institute (SCSI) offers tuition-free attendance to ANY regularly scheduled SCSI course. This includes the two-week Aircraft Accident Investigator course or any other investigation courses. Travel to/from the course and accommodations are not included. More information at <http://www.scsi-inc.com/>
- The Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) offers a tuition-free attendance to ANY regularly scheduled TSI course. Travel to/from the course and accommodations are not included. More information is available at <http://www.tsi.dot.gov/>
- The Cranfield University Safety and Accident Investigation Centre (CSAIC) offers tuition-free attendance at its 5-day Accident Investigation course, 50 miles north of London, UK. Travel to/from the course and accommodations are not included. Further information is available from <http://www.csaic.net/>
- The University of Southern California offers tuition free attendance at one of its courses. Travel to/from the course and accommodations are not included. More information is available at <https://aviationsafety.usc.edu/>

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. A full-time student who meets the eligibility requirements stated above and has been enrolled in the aviation program for a duration of at least one year.
2. Applicant must be a member of ISASI to apply for this scholarship (membership application and fees may accompany scholarship application submission).
3. Applicant needs to have demonstrated a genuine interest in aviation safety and accident investigation/prevention. This includes being an active member of their ISASI student chapter (if one exists) or other activities that promote ISASI aims. Activity should be listed on attached résumé. Verification may be required.
4. The student is required to submit a 1500 (+/- 10%) word paper in English, addressing “the challenges for air safety investigators” or the 2021 Conference theme. The papers will be evaluated on content, original thinking, logic, clarity of expression and topic applicability. Grammar and professional presentation will be taken into account. It is recommended that papers do not discuss ongoing investigations that will not be completed prior to the conference.
5. The paper is to be the student’s own work and must be countersigned by the student’s tutor/academic supervisor as authentic, original work.
6. Applicant will be required to obtain a letter of recommendation from their professor, academic tutor, or faculty mentor.
7. Applicant will be required to submit a professional résumé or CV that includes activities associated with ISASI’s aims.

The applicant must submit this application form, the essay, résumé, and recommendation letter by April 15, 2021 to ISASI via email to [chad.balentine@isasi.org](mailto:chad.balentine@isasi.org) with the subject line *2021 Scholarship Application*. Any questions should be sent by email to [chad.balentine@isasi.org](mailto:chad.balentine@isasi.org) with the subject line *2021 Scholarship Question*.

Some advice to those applying:

1. Applications submitted after April 15, 2021 will not be accepted.
2. Handwritten applications are not advisable.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. The essay should be in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx); however, the application form, résumé and recommendation letter may be a pdf.

### APPLICANT CHECKLIST

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Application Form (signed)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Essay</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Résumé/CV</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Member Number _____ (or attach application)</li></ul> |
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## 2021 ISASI RUDOLF KAPUSTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Aviation Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Aviation Subjects Studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institute Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institute Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I attest that this is my original work and I agree to ISASI's Contributor License Agreement, which can be found on the ISASI website (author retains copyright of the paper, but grants ISASI use of the paper.)*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROFESSOR/FACULTY MENTOR/ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing above, I believe that the submitted essay is the student's original work*

This form should be accompanied by:

- 1500 word essay on either “the challenges for air safety investigators” or the 2021 Conference theme.
- Letter of recommendation
- Résumé

All items should be submitted via email to [chad.balentine@isasi.org](mailto:chad.balentine@isasi.org). Application deadline is April 15, 2021. Submissions made after this date will not be accepted. For more information on ISASI, visit [www.isasi.org](http://www.isasi.org). Further inquiries regarding this scholarship should be made via email to [chad.balentine@isasi.org](mailto:chad.balentine@isasi.org) or call 1-703-430-9668.