

**ISAAC is currently seeking Letters of Interest from interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters, for our Conference 2020.**

ISAAC, The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, works to improve the lives of children and adults who use AAC. ISAAC's vision is that AAC will be recognized, valued and used throughout the world. ISAAC's mission is to promote the best possible communication for people with complex communication needs.

[ISAAC 2018 \(the 18<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of ISAAC\)](#) is being held during July 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. In accordance with ISAAC by-laws and operating practice, the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference (ISAAC Conference 2020) **will need to be held in North America (Canada, Mexico, or the United States).**

**We therefore invite interested individuals, groups, or ISAAC Chapters to submit Letters of Interest according to the following —**

- Length of letter not to exceed eight (8) pages in total.
- **Letter, at a minimum, should identify the following for ISAAC Conference 2020 —**
  - Proposed city location within North America, and rationale as a good hosting city (including consideration as an international conference destination of choice).
  - Projected paid attendance from registrants residing within North America and total worldwide.
  - Proposed venue location(s) for: pre-conference workshops, AAC Camp, the main conference, and vendor exhibit hall.
  - Identify proposed chair / co-chairs including: professional/personal background(s), experience within the field of AAC, experience within ISAAC, experience with previous conferences (ISAAC or otherwise).
  - Available city and conference-related infrastructure, with a focus on that which will facilitate ease of access for all conference attendees.
  - Description of how conference content (themes, streams, etc.) will provide focus on all aspects of AAC worldwide.
  - Opportunities for providing attendees with a conference that: offers a range of social / sightseeing events, facilitates the gaining of cross-cultural, multi-cultural, or international personal experiences, and affords the opportunity to socialize in a friendly and welcoming environment.
- Relevant pictures of proposed host city, sightseeing opportunities, facilities, etc. (as appropriate), should also be included.
- Letter of Interest to be submitted as softcopy (electronic), in either Word or pdf format, by email to [franklin@isaac-online.org](mailto:franklin@isaac-online.org), no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Following a review of all submitted Letters of Interest, the ISAAC Executive Board may invite one or more proponents to enter into discussions to determine whether a successful conference could be fully implemented and realized at the proposed hosting city. ISAAC, as part of this process, will provide proponents with more information and details at this point to ensure the availability of full information for decision-making purposes.
- Please note that the submission of a Letter of Interest does not guarantee that such an invitation will be extended to any particular proponent.