The 2020 INFORMS Annual meeting will now be held virtually. Registration for the virtual conference is due by August 31st, and has been adjusted due to the new format. The Minority Issues Forum (MIF) is accepting requests to help cover registration fees for MIF members who cannot receive support from their universities to participate in the conference.

Many universities have cut the funds used to support their faculty members and students to disseminate their work. If you are a MIF faculty member presenting at the INFORMS Annual Meeting and (1) need help covering your registration fees, or (2) need help supporting an underrepresented minority student presenting at the conference, please send us an email to [mif.informs@gmail.com](mailto:mif.informs@gmail.com) by August 14th to request support.

To request Faculty support, the email must contain the following information:

* Your name
* University & affiliation
* Description of the limitation that your Department/University has imposed
* Title & abstract of your presentation

To request support for a graduate student, the email must contain the following information:

* Student name
* Faculty advisor & affiliation
* Department & degree program
* Year in the graduate program
* Title & abstract of the student’s presentation
* Description of the limitation that your Department/University has imposed

Additionally, please add the following subject to your message: Request for INFORMS Registration Support <Insert Faculty/Student Name>.

MIF’s funds for this initiative are limited. Support will be offered according to the number of requests received and funds availability. Only one student request per faculty member will be considered. The faculty member and the students for whom funds are requested must be MIF members.

Regards,

The MIF Board