

Report on the Young Scholar Program and Conference

This report covers the applications and paper proposals received (two areas where we expect the Board Members to drive submissions). It presents gender analysis of the final composition of the Young Scholar (YS) program and competitive paper sessions, in relation to the raw material we had to work with. It also includes information on the selection process.

It provides useful information for the Board to consider along with their impressions of the new method of selecting papers for the 2018 conference based on Board Paper 2017.5.

Young Scholar Program

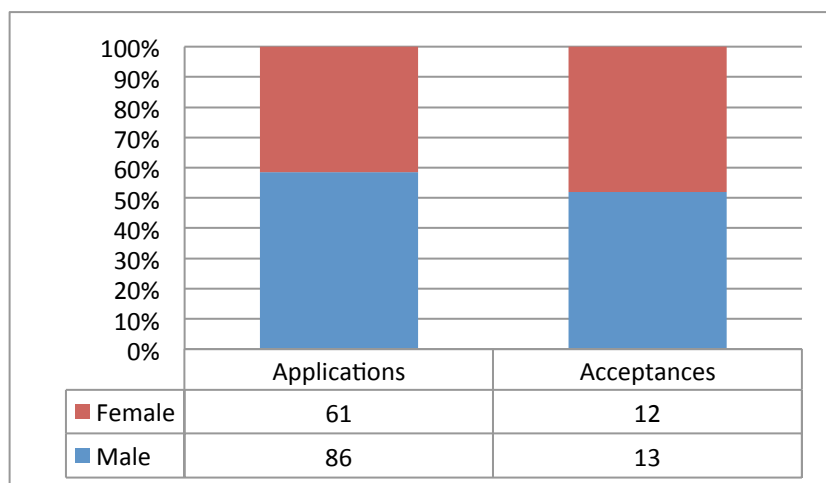
Following the redesign, the YS Program is now foregrounded. Percentage of applications, by region, are given in Figure 1. Unless we receive an adequate number of quality applications from a range of countries, we cannot form a good “class.” Board Member engagement is especially important with regard to YS applications.

The international applicants were assessed as one pool. Mozambique applicants were assessed separately, given the lower costs and the tradition of offering a special opportunity to host-country nationals.

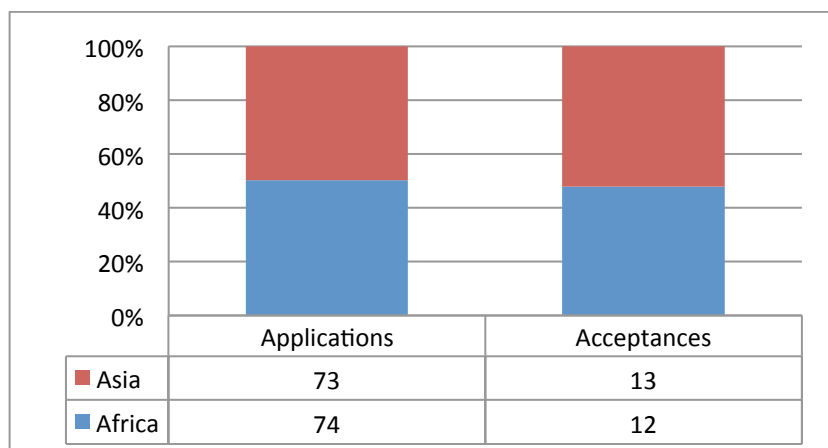
- **Of the 147 applications 42% were women and 52% from the African continent; Gender distribution is more or less similar across the two regions**

Altogether 147 applications were received from Africa, and Asia, at 74 and 73 for each, respectively Four other were received from other countries. Host country (2-5); and other region applicants (4) are not included in graphic.

- **48% of the accepted scholars are women**



- **48% of the accepted scholars are from the Africa**



- Seventy four YS applications were received from Africa and 12 were accepted for about 50% African representation in the class. Priority was given getting as many countries and/or new countries represented with a gender balance overall.

Table 1: YS applications by country, AFRICA

	Female	Male	Applications All	Female	Male	Selected All
Benin	2	2	4	1		1
Botswana	1	1	2		1	1
Cameroon		4	4			
Cote d'Ivoire		1	1			
DR Congo		1	1			
Egypt	2		2			
Ethiopia	1		1	1		1
Gabon		1	1			
Ghana	3	3	6	1		1
Guinea		1	1			
Kenya	5	5	10	1		1
Lesotho	1		1			
Malawi		1	1		1	1
Mauritius		1	1			
Morocco	2		2	1		1
Mozambique		3	3			
Namibia		1	1		1	1
Nigeria	5	9	14		1	1
Seychelles		1	1			
Sierra Leone		1	1			
South Africa	4	2	6	1		1
Tanzania	4	1	5			
Togo		1	1			
Uganda		1	1		1	1
Zimbabwe	2	6	8	1		1
ALL	28	46	74	7	5	12

- 73 Applications were received from 12 countries in Asia and the 13 selected are from 10 different countries

Table 2: YS applications by country, ASIA

Country	Female	Male	Appl ALL	Female	Male	Selected ALL
Afghanistan		1	1			
Bangladesh		5	5		1	1
Bhutan		2	2		1	1
Cambodia		2	2			
India	9	10	19	2	1	3
Indonesia	3		3	1		1
Myanmar	1	1	2			
Nepal		3	3		1	1
Pakistan	6	11	17	1	1	2
Philippines	1	1	2		1	1
Sri Lanka	9	1	10	1		1
Thailand		1	1		1	1
Vietnam		1	1		1	1
ALL	33	40	73	5	8	13

Competitive papers

According to the new method a general call was made for completed or partially completed papers for eight selected sessions with an accompanying cover sheet in a policy brief format, with a curator was assigned for each session.

- 78 paper proposals received in 2018 compared to the 113 in 2017
- 44% of the applicants were from Africa; 46% of those selected are from Africa
- 23% of the applicants were previous young scholars; 25% of the successful papers were by young scholars.

	Curator	Applications
7. Platforms, livelihoods, and consumer benefits	Helani Galpaya & Payal Malik	15
10. E government and “smart” cities (3 papers)	Erwin Alampay	14
9. Are ICTs contributing to financial inclusion?	Supriya Singh	12
3. Barriers to Broadband	Rohan Samarajiva	11
8. Cyber policy: Scanning the horizon from the Global South	Sriganesh Lokanathan	9
4. Digital literacy as the next big challenge	Wallace Chigona	6
5. Gender at the intersection of other divides	Alison Gillwald	6
6. What comes after access: hate, harassment and manipulation?	Pirongrong Ramasoota	5
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