The ISTAT Foundation fosters interest in, creates opportunities for and provides assistance to the global aviation community. Learn more about the impact the Foundation is making in 2018.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In June 2018, the ISTAT Foundation awarded 50 students scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year. There were a total of 72 applicants. These students came from 19 different countries and a record-breaking total of $424,245 USD was awarded. An additional $16,000 USD will be awarded to 16 students at the end of 2018 as part of the Norman C.T. Liu Greater China Scholarship.

From January 2006 to June 2018, the Foundation has awarded $3,151,755 USD in scholarships.

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More than half the population of South Sudan faces extreme hunger. The latest harvest saw the worst production of the country’s staple grains since 2013, and many parts of the country are almost entirely dependent on food aid.

On 6 April 2018, an Ilyushin IL76 freighter belonging to the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service dropped 44,000 pounds of SuperCereal Plus over South Sudan. This highly nutritious paste is specifically formulated to treat and prevent malnutrition in children six months to two years old.

The World Food Programme (WFP) was able to carry out this airdrop and provide nutritious food for 2,000 children for an entire month because of the $33,000 USD grant awarded to them from the ISTAT Foundation Humanitarian Aid Program.

“WFP does whatever it takes to get the job done,” says Tomson Phiri, WFP’s communications officer in South Sudan. “We rely on airdrops to reach families in the country’s most dangerous and hard-to-reach areas. Thanks to the generosity of supporters like the ISTAT Foundation, we’re preventing famine and saving lives.”
**GRANTS PROGRAM**

12 aviation-focused organizations were able to deliver on their missions and strengthen their futures through inspiration and education with the help of **$115,000 USD** from the ISTAT Foundation Grants Program. This year’s grant recipients include:

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Congratulations ISTAT U 2.0 graduates! May 2018 marked the graduation of the second ISTAT U 2.0 class, consisting of seven students from four countries. The ISTAT Foundation extends its sincerest congratulations to:

- Ammar Abdul Motaleb, Texas Women’s University
- Minsi Jiang, East China Normal University
- Adam C. Kee, Purdue University
- Erik Graham Norburg, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Worldwide
- Charles Poulain, Essec Business School
- Paolo Alessandro Sassi, University of St. Gallen
- Savan Vekaria, University of Washington

The ISTAT Foundation is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 academic year until 31 August 2018. To learn more and apply, visit www.istat.org/istatu.

“The ISTAT U program was truly a valuable experience. I was able to broaden my knowledge of the aircraft leasing industry while learning alongside aviation enthusiasts from across the globe. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would recommend to anyone interested in the field.”

— Erik Norburg, MBA in Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The ISTAT Mentorship Program pairs select ISTAT U students and scholarship recipients with distinguished ISTAT members to enhance their overall conference experience and assist with strengthening and broadening their professional networks.

The Foundation is currently looking for ISTAT members to serve as mentors. If you are interested, please contact istatfoundation@istat.org.
We are pleased to share that Mr. and Mrs. C. Jeffrey Knittel earlier this year donated $100,000 USD to the ISTAT Foundation. The Knittels’ donation will support the vast array of services that the Foundation’s five core programs provide.

Mr. Knittel was recently named the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Airbus Americas, Inc. and a member of the Airbus Executive Committee.

Airbus Americas, Inc. also generously donated $25,000 USD to the ISTAT Foundation.

Knittel was also the 2018 ISTAT Award recipient. During his award acceptance, he noted “I attribute any success that I’ve had to the influence and support of the people around me. I can say sincerely that — without the people who make up ISTAT — I probably would not have accomplished what I have in my career. This organization makes a difference. It certainly has made a positive difference in my life.”

“The achievements of the ISTAT Foundation are a direct result of the generosity of ISTAT members and supporters like Jeff and Kathy Knittel. It is only through their giving that the Foundation is able to invest in the future of commercial aviation.”

— Jep Thornton, ISTAT Foundation Chairman
On 4 June 2018, the ISTAT Foundation hosted their Inaugural Gala at the Ritz-Carlton in Chicago, IL. The event included a cocktail reception, dinner, program and entertainment, including a live show from the Blues Brothers and their band!

The Gala celebrated and provided awareness of the ISTAT Foundation’s five core programs:
- Scholarship
- Internship
- Grants
- Humanitarian Aid
- ISTAT University

Guests also heard from three beneficiaries of the Foundation’s Scholarship, Internship and ISTAT University Programs, who shared their gratitude to the ISTAT Foundation for helping them achieve their goals of being employed at ISTAT member companies and grow professionally.

The ISTAT Foundation also awarded Airlink $500,000 USD in support of their humanitarian efforts.
FORE A GOOD CAUSE

FIRST ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The ISTAT Foundation hosted the First Annual South Florida Golf Tournament at Grande Oaks Golf Club in Davie, FL.

$44,000 USD RAISED IN SUPPORT OF THE ISTAT FOUNDATION

The tournament, which took place on 12 February 2018, raised $44,000 USD to support the Foundation’s mission.

SECOND ANNUAL CHICAGO GOLF TOURNAMENT

On 5 June 2018, the ISTAT Foundation hosted the Second Annual Chicago Golf Tournament at the Harborside International Golf Club in conjunction with the ISTAT Foundation Gala.

$43,000 USD RAISED IN SUPPORT OF THE ISTAT FOUNDATION

$43,000 USD was raised in support of the ISTAT Foundation’s mission to promote the advancement of commercial aviation and humanitarianism.

UPCOMING EVENTS

• Jetran Charity Golf Tournament benefitting the ISTAT Foundation – October 2018
• The Second Annual South Florida Golf Tournament – February 2019
• ISTAT Foundation Golf Tournament at ISTAT Americas – March 2019
• The Third Annual Chicago Golf Tournament – June 2019
Thank you to the Friends of the Foundation for their continued support of the ISTAT Foundation.

**THANK YOU!**

Mr. & Mrs. C. Jeffrey Knittel

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