As a master’s student at IIT Bombay, India, while the opportunities to learn are aplenty, there are limited platforms to interact with the scientific community at a global scale. A big reason for this is the insufficient funds available as a student, as well as the institute’s inability to cover expenses to present at an international conference.

While some limited support is provided to me by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering to encourage participation at ICASSP, the SPS travel grant will be vital to bridge the gap, and enable me to make the trip.

An estimate of the expenses is as follows:

Airfare (Mumbai-New Orleans-Mumbai): USD 1,200  
ICASSP 2017 Registration: USD 230  
Lodging, food, commute: USD 400

Total cost estimate: USD 1,830  
Support from Department of CSE: USD 850

This grant will ensure that despite being a student with limited funds, I will be able to present my work to a global audience at ICASSP 2017.