



**International Society of Travel & Tourism Educators (ISTTE)  
Board Member Candidate Bio**

**Name:** Nicholas J. Thomas

**Affiliation:** Abu Dhabi Hospitality Academy – Les Roches

**Position title:** Professor and Program Director

**Areas of expertise:** Human Resources & Hospitality Operations

**Years of academic experience:** 15+

**Years of ISTTE membership (either past and/or current):** 4

**Years of industry experience:** 10+

**Why would you like to join the ISTTE Board (max 100 words)?** I have been an active member of the ISTTE Board since 2022 and value the opportunity to collaborate with colleagues in advancing the association's mission. I enjoy contributing to initiatives that support our members, strengthen ISTTE's global presence, and enhance its reputation as a leader in travel and tourism education. Continuing this work remains a priority for me.

**How would you be able to contribute to the progression of ISTTE (max 130 words)?** During my presidency, I have worked to streamline Board activities and strengthen ISTTE's sustainability to better meet the needs of an internationally diverse membership. We have made important strides in operational efficiency,

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member engagement, and organizational visibility. However, there is more to accomplish. With the continued support of our membership, I look forward to the opportunity to serve another term, building on our momentum and ensuring that ISTTE remains a relevant and valuable resource for travel and tourism educators around the world.

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