

TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2026

Introduction

Travel grants are intended to be a significant contribution to the expenses of **IAS student members** for participating in **IAS-sponsored conferences, workshops and short courses** (e.g., travel, housing and registration costs). Travel grants will **not** cover all the costs, and recipients are encouraged to seek additional sources of funding as appropriate. For conferences and workshops it is a condition that grant recipients are lead and presenting authors on oral or poster presentations. This will be confirmed with the event organiser.

Each meeting or event has a fixed Travel Grant budget that will impact the number of grants that can be awarded. Where the grants are over-subscribed they will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis with reference to the date and time on which the application was submitted.

Travel Grant applications are evaluated on the strength of the applicant's supporting case. This should clearly explain how participating in the meeting will benefit their course of study and/or the relevance of the meeting topic to their research. Grants for conferences and workshops will be paid only to active Student Members presenting a talk or poster as first author, who must include the submitted abstract with the application even if it has not yet been accepted into the programme.

Only one Travel Grant can be awarded to an IAS Student Member within a membership (calendar) year. Applicants must provide official proof of their student enrolment in their application document.

The level of a travel grant is determined by geographic distance (great circle) from the applicant's place of study to the event. Travel grants are always paid after the meeting once the applicant has signed a confirmation of participation form provided by the meeting organizer. They can only be paid into personal bank accounts and are not transferable.

There are five Travel Grant bands. These are currently defined as follows:

| Type | Distance (km) | Grant Amount in Euro | |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | | IAS Meeting (IMS / ISC) | Sponsored Meeting |
| Domestic * | < 2,500 | 75 | 50 |
| Short Haul | < 2,500 | 150 | 100 |
| Medium Haul | 2,500 – 5,000 | 300 | 200 |
| Long Haul | 5,000 – 12,000 | 600 | 400 |
| Ultralong Haul | ≥ 12,000 | 1,200 | 800 |

** Domestic travel of more than 2,500 km falls under the higher levels depending on distance.*

The IAS reserves the right to amend the distance categories and/or amounts where deemed necessary and with agreement of its Council of Management.

Application procedure

Applications must be made on the form provided, which must be fully completed and uploaded as a single pdf file.

The application form has 5 sections:

1. Event details

- Event title, dates and location

2. Recipient details

- Your name, nationality, place of residence and email address
- Your current educational institute's name, address, and website
- Your supervisor's name and email address. We also ask whether they are an IAS member but this is for our records and will not be a factor in assessing your application.

3. Supporting case

- Up to 250 words documenting your motivation for applying for the specific travel grant, and how and why it would benefit your current studies.

4. Abstract

- For conferences and workshops, the abstract that you have submitted or will be submitting.

5. Proof of student enrolment

- A scanned (legible) official document certifying that you are currently enrolled as a student at your institution. It should be evident that your enrolment will be still valid at the time of the event you are planning to attend.

Deadlines, notifications

The application deadline for each travel grant is clearly stated on the application form, and applicants will be notified of the outcome in good time to make their travel arrangements. This is usually within 1-3 weeks of the deadline, subject to receiving confirmation of an accepted oral or poster presentation from the event organisers (where applicable). Please bear in mind that visa applications can take a long time for some countries and you may need to apply for one before you know whether you have received a travel grant.