



TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2026

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.

Travel Grant applications must include a supporting statement from the applicant. 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. The submitted abstract must be included with the application even if it has not yet been accepted into the programme. Formal acceptance of the abstract will be confirmed with the meeting organiser before a grant is offered.

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 the IAS will discuss prioritisation with the meeting or event organiser based upon the supporting statements, abstracts submitted, and overall fairness (e.g. where multiple applications are submitted from the same department / institution). If no agreement can be reached they will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis with reference to the date and time on which the application was submitted.

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 (where you will travel from) 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.