



## IAS SPONSORSHIP OF SEDIMANTOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

### Introduction

All IAS Members who are organizing **international conferences, workshops, summer schools, short courses, field excursions, or other sedimentological initiatives including online resources** are entitled to request IAS sponsorship. Sponsorship is aimed at helping new activities become established, as well as promoting unique one-off events. Activities at a **national level** must clearly demonstrate opportunities for significant international participation.

New topics, formats and locations will have preference in funding allocation over repeated iterations of the same activity. However, each case will be evaluated on its merits based on the details provided in the application. The value of the proposed activity in terms of outreach, inclusivity, and sustainability will be significant considerations alongside its scientific importance.

Support for international meetings is provided through **student travel grants** that allow IAS student members to apply for assistance towards the costs of participating in the event. Direct financial sponsorship of a regional or online event may exceptionally be considered if it has the capacity to significantly boost sedimentological activity, education, and training. In these cases, applicants are encouraged to contact the IAS and discuss their proposal before submitting their request.

### Applications

Requests are submitted through the Member's account on the IAS website using the application form provided and attaching a one-page case for IAS support. The application form includes information on the type, location and timing of the activity, as well as the applicant's details. The case for support, on an official letterhead, should include the aims of the activity and its benefit for the IAS, especially for student members. The two documents must be combined into a single pdf file and must be uploaded through the website. Applications sent by email will not be accepted.

### Deadlines and notifications

Applications for IAS sponsorship **must be submitted at least 6 months before the meeting registration deadline or at least 6 months in advance of funding requirements for other initiatives**. Where appropriate, they must include the abstract submission deadline, the fees structure, and a link to a website with information about the activity<sup>1</sup>. Proposals for specific events that overlap with annual IAS Meetings (International Meetings of Sedimentology / International Sedimentological Congresses) and their associated activities are unlikely to be supported unless there is a compelling case. Applications will be reviewed by the IAS General Secretary then put to a vote of the full Council of Management at their next quarterly meeting. Applicants will be advised of the outcome as soon as possible after the vote.

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<sup>1</sup> If a website is not in place at the time of application the date by which it will go "live" is required, or if there is no website the applicant must provide information on how the activity will be publicised. The lack of a website at the time of application may lead to deferral or rejection of the application. The IAS are unable to host third party websites.



## Award conditions

Sponsorship for specific events through student travel grants is administered by the IAS with the assistance of the organisers. **For conferences and workshops, it is a condition that the student delivers an oral or poster presentation at the meeting as first author.** Travel grants are paid directly to the student recipients after the meeting and once their participation has been confirmed. Full travel grant conditions and typical grant amounts can be examined at <https://www.sedimentologists.org/media/aoneifsd/tg-guidelines-2026-2.pdf>

Financial sponsorship for other activities is subject to a **sponsorship agreement** and provided through reimbursement of eligible costs supported by itemized receipts and using IAS declaration forms. Sponsorship is for a maximum of one year with possibility of renewal for an additional year, after which a new application would be required. Advance payments are not permitted other than by prior written agreement of the IAS Treasurer and clearly indicated within the application. Once sponsorship has been agreed it is not possible to reallocate or change the use of the funds even if the amount awarded is not fully spent. Sponsorship is always offered to individual IAS Members and not to their institutions.

Eligible costs for activities other than meetings supported by Student travel grants might include items such as 1-year subscriptions to web hosting / website development / online meeting and other software, promotional materials, and communication resources. Advice from the IAS Treasurer should be sought in case of uncertainty and must always be obtained in respect of equipment purchase. Staffing, institutional overheads, travel, and subsistence costs are not eligible. The IAS Treasurer may be contacted through the IAS Office ([office@sedimentologists.org](mailto:office@sedimentologists.org)).

## Award amounts and transfer of funds

Each sponsored activity nominally has a monetary value of **up to 2,000 Euro**, and the IAS reserves a portion of the annual budget to use for such sponsorship. Payments (including travel grants to Student Members) are made by electronic bank transfer in Euro currency.

## Timing

Applicants are advised to think carefully about timing of deadlines. Student travel grants for conferences and workshops cannot be confirmed until it is known that recipients' abstracts have been accepted into the programme. Conversely, some students with limited financial resources may be unable to pay registration fees until they know that they will be awarded a travel grant. Students from some countries will need time to apply for visas. The advice is always to apply for sponsorship as far in advance as possible.

## Publicity

The IAS provides exposure and publicity for sponsored activities through the website, newsletter, and social media. In turn, the IAS must be acknowledged as a sponsor of the activity, with the IAS logo displayed on announcements, circulars, web pages, etc. The IAS may also supply the



organisers with Association flyers(s) or slide sets and request they be displayed at suitable times / places (e.g. coffee breaks, poster sessions). Successful sponsorship applicants are expected to send a brief report plus one or more high-quality photographs for inclusion in IAS publicity.

### **Questions**

Any general questions regarding IAS sponsorship procedures and guidelines should be made using the [website contact form](#) and will be responded to as quickly as possible.