

Arctic System Science Conference 2026

Travel Support Program for Early Career Researchers and Participants from Indigenous Communities

- call for applications -

In cooperation with the *International Arctic Science Committee (IASC)*, We are pleased to announce that **funding** is available for participation in the **Arctic System Science Conference 2026** taking place from **23 - 27 March 2026** in Potsdam (Germany).

1. Who can apply?

- a. **Early Career Researchers (ECRs)** up to 5 years past PhD who is actively participating in the conference (see below for details)
- b. **Participants from indigenous communities** – Please note: Travel grants will be prioritized.

2. Amount of funding & funding types

There are two types of funding available – a. IASC Funding and b. Conference Fee Discount. Both types are completely independent from each other – that means it's possible to be awarded for one of both or both. The individual amount of funding is limited, this means that there is no entitlement to receive the full amount of all funds applied for!

a. IASC Funding



IASC funding is **only possible in accordance with the IASC funding rules**. These rules are set out in this document: [Requirements for IASC-funded Projects 2025](#)

The important key points for applicants are as follows:

- IASC funds may only be used to fund workshop participants from IASC member countries (Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States).
- The funding recipient is required to have an active role in that meeting (e.g., by presenting in / chairing / moderating the meeting, participating in a panel discussion, providing virtual technical support, being meeting rapporteur). IASC will not fund participation of regular audience members.

- ECRs may receive funding from IASC a maximum of four times within any five-year period during which they are considered early career (up to five years past final degree) unless they are in a leadership role for the event. The IASC Secretariat will help the project leaders check if the ECRs they want to fund are eligible for IASC funding.
- Meeting participants may fly any airline, but IASC will only reimburse for an economy class ticket.
- The use of public transport is required. Taxis can only be reimbursed for justified cases.
- IASC will pay up to a pre-designated hotel rate and a preset per diem rate to be provided by the Secretariat at the time of the award.
- Visa costs can be claimed by the participants.
- other costs (e.g., daycare costs for children during meeting times) as suggested by the recipient are decided on by the IASC Secretariat on a case-by-case basis if deemed eligible for reimbursement.

All IASC Travel Forms required for the funding process can be found in the section “For Individuals” on the IASC forms website:

<https://iasc.info/about/publications-documents/forms>

Please consider making a budget-friendly reservation so that we can provide financial support to as many applicants as possible. Applicants who live within 10 to 12 hours of train travel from the venue should please use the train.

b. Conference Fee Discount

The discount on the conference fee is completely independent of IASC funding. If you are granted the discount on the conference fee, you only need to pay the difference to the full fee according to the type of participation (in person or remote) when registering via the conference website.

3. Application procedure

Please submit your application via the attached form no later than **the due date announced on the conference website**. Late applications will not be considered. A dedicated part of the conference organisation team will coordinate the evaluation and allocation of the funds. Your application will be evaluated *solely* on the information you provide via the form. We will not accept other material via e-mail (unless you are asked to do so). Please answer *all* the questions as completely as possible.

4. How to submit your application

Please send your application by e-mail to:

arcticsystemscienceconference2026@polarsystemscience.org

using the subject “Application for travel funds”

Please create a small document answering following key points:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email address:

Institution / Affiliation / Community:

Country:

Year of PhD (enter 0 for pre-PhD or no degree):

1. Title of scientific abstract(s) to be submitted to this conference (if applicable):

2. Statement of travel support need:

a. What support is needed? – Please provide as accurate figures as possible for travel and accommodation costs.

b. Why do you need travel support? – Why does your institute/affiliated organization/community not finance participation in the conference?

3. How has your research and/or participation in expeditions and/or your expertise contributed to Polar (Arctic) system science? (250 words max)?

4. How do you plan to contribute to the Arctic System Science Conference 2026? (250 words max)?