

EST Conference and Training Grant

This grant is intended to allow scholars with limited or no means of financial support to attend Translation Studies conferences or training events. “Conference” here includes all conference-like events and may include training workshops if such training is not available locally or is unaffordable locally. However, it does not include summer or winter schools (refer to information about the EST Summer/Winter School scholarship [here](#)), software training or access to academic papers or other publications.

Applicants should be ready to write a brief account of their experiences for the EST newsletter, if asked. The grant may only be used for actual, conference- or training-related expenses, such as fees, accommodation or travel. Loss of income is not covered by the grant. Fees for online attendance may only be covered at the discretion of the committee and can only be used for hybrid events when there is an overwhelming reason why attending in-person is not feasible.

Amount

Up to: EUR 500 per grant, with a maximum of one grant per applicant every three years.

Number of grants

Up to five in non-EST congress years, up to forty in EST Congress years

Eligibility

Applicants must be fully paid-up EST members and fit one or more of the criteria in the table below and must present the relevant evidence for their category (see right-hand side of the table).

Be an enrolled PhD student who has not yet graduated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A university letter proving enrolment or a note from their PhD supervisor. In both cases, a working institutional email is required, and the applicant must explain why institutional support is either insufficient or not possible.
Be an independent scholar holding a PhD but not a current full-time academic position	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link to a profile on ResearchGate, Academia and/or SocArXiv that notes their independent status and provides proof of at least one publication in a journal on the EST journals list or in a suitably high-quality equivalent journal in another field, at the discretion of the committee.• Where the scholar has no publications yet, a forwarded email proving that they have a publication in course and likely to be published may be accepted at the discretion of the committee.• Proof of membership of the National Coalition of Independent Scholars is also accepted as a replacement of the first and second criteria above.• PhD certificate or approved dissertation.

Be a recent Master's graduate with a proven interest in research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's certificate or proof that graduation is due to happen soon.
Be a researcher with limited means such that conference attendance would not otherwise be possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide some means of attestation that funding is not available or that it will not be sufficient to allow for conference attendance. This could include declarations from the university on staff expenses budgets, proof that the researcher is working in a country with limited access to finance, and/or a letter from a head of a university department declaring the limited means of the researcher
Be a recent PhD graduate, having graduated fewer than 3 years before the closing date for applications (or 6 years for part-time PhD students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD diploma. • Link to ResearchGate, Academia and/or SocArXiv profile. • If the applicant holds a staff position at a university, an explanation of why institutional support is not available or sufficient should be provided.

All applications must include relevant evidence and a letter of motivation of **up to 300 words**, explaining which conference the applicant wishes to attend and the effect it will have on their researcher development, with attention given to their research to date and current research plans.

The applicant should provide a brief budget of the costs of attending and how the grant money will be used.

Application packages must be submitted digitally to the EST Secretary General (secretary-general@est-translationstudies.org) by **15 February** to be considered for the current year.

Decision Criteria

The following criteria are used for judging among eligible candidates, in descending order of importance.

- Available budget for awards.
- Limitation or lack of available financial support to candidate, including whether the proposed conference offers grants or bursaries.
- Effect of conference/training attendance on researcher development as explained by the candidate in the letter of motivation, with priority given to candidates presenting papers in venues where useful feedback and networking are likely or attending training that will make a significant difference to their development. This also includes participation in key workshops or other related academic activities that will benefit the career of the applicant or the field as a whole.
- Quality and relevance of the conference topic, theme or organisation to the applicant's research plans, with targeted conferences given higher priority in non-EST Congress years. In EST Congress years, priority should be given to candidates presenting on a relevant panel.

- Breadth of awards. Allowing a variety of candidates to attend a variety of conferences is preferred over allowing several candidates to attend the same conference, except in EST Congress years. In EST Congress years, priority is given to ensuring awards to as wide a variety of panels as possible. A single award per panel is preferred, unless the committee deems that there is an overwhelming reason to give multiple awards for speakers participating in the same panel. There is an upper limit of three awards per panel.
- Successful applicants may not receive another grant for three years. The committee always prioritises applicants who have not received a grant before.
- Finally, the committee bears in mind the full costs of attendance to the candidate and whether the award will mean that conference attendance can take place.

Should the applicant not be able to attend the conference for reasons beyond their control, the committee may, at their discretion, allow the grant to be used for an equivalent conference the next year. The candidate should endeavour to inform the committee as soon as possible and should provide an alternative. This may include a relevant panel at the EST Congress.

Applicants must provide proof of expenditure within one month of attendance.