**ISB Student Travel Grant Tips** *(June 2021)*

Applying for an International Society of Biomechanics Student Travel Grant? Below are some helpful suggestions from our Student Awards Officer, Katherine Boyer.

Full Guidelines can be found at:

<https://isbweb.org/students/student-grants>

1. **General advice**
* Look carefully at the deadlines, these can never be changed
* Start preparing your application with plenty of time to spare
* **Confirm ACTIVE FINANCIAL membership status for both you AND your supervisor**

– if you have any doubt about your/your supervisor’s membership status, please contact the ISB Student Representative (well in advance of submission) to confirm **(****isb.studentrepresentative@gmail.com)**

* Revise the entire application thoroughly with your supervisor prior to submission
1. **Reviewers appreciate**
* All guidelines fulfilled
* Clear and concise content with a strong focus
* Realistic aims, and timeline with methods that are consistent with aims for MDG and ITG awards
* For the MDG, clearly outline the knowledge gap that will be filled by the study
1. **C.V.s will be reviewed mainly on the following criteria**
* High quality and number of peer-reviewed publications (journal, name position in author list)
* Presentations at conferences (please state whether these were oral or poster, international or national level meetings)
1. **Specific tips for the International Travel Grant**
* The proposal should describe an original, relevant, and feasible project
* For proposals where a new technique or skill will be learned, learning objectives, key milestones or benchmarks for evaluation of success should be stated
* The value of the visit is clearly stated, e.g. the need-for/importance-of the research is described
* The exact contribution of the hosting institution is described
1. **Specific tips for the Congress Travel Grant**
* It is a requirement that you are FIRST author of the abstract you have submitted for the Congress, and of course meant to present it
1. **Common mistakes**
* Missing documents
* Missing project title
* Letters of support from supervisors do not specifically reference the application and the future potential of the applicant (i.e. they appear generic)
* Generic scopes for ITG applications (e.g. ‘improve my knowledge’, ‘opportunity to meet other researchers’, and ‘opportunity to visit another lab/country’, etc.)
* International Travel Grant proposals MUST be to visit an INTERNATIONAL, not domestic institution
* Multiple applications (re-iterations, MDG-ITG-CTG in the same year) will be less likely to receive funding