

# Student Grant Guidelines 2026

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Student members of the International Society of Biomechanics (ISB) are eligible for the following grants. A number of competitive grants are awarded each year, and in the year of the ISB Congress. All grant amounts are shown in US dollars. Postdoctoral members of the ISB are **only** eligible for the Postdoctoral Fellow Congress Travel Grant program.

Please note that there is [ONE APPLICATION FORM](#) required for ALL of these grants.

The grants available for 2026 are as follows and the required documentation and important dates are summarized in the grant table below.

## 1) The Matching Dissertation Grant program (MDG):

There will be several competitive grants of **\$2500 USD** awarded for doctoral dissertation research. A condition is that the applicant will have a commitment from their institution or another source to provide a further matching **\$2500 USD** or equivalent. This program is applicable to those who are doctoral candidates and are seeking assistance with costs of their dissertation research.

Applications are to be received by **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, with applicants being notified by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

*Note: Recipients will be expected to present results at the next ISB Congress, (although receipt of the award does not imply any obligation that ISB will provide support to attend) and acknowledge ISB support in any publications. Recipients will be encouraged to publish their work in one of the ISB-affiliated journals.*

## 2) The International Travel Grant program (ITG):

In order to allow student members to travel abroad to experience science in other countries and cultures, and to build up international collaborations we will offer several grants of up to **\$3500 USD** for travel related to biomechanics research. A relevant and feasible project must be defined, with appropriate research activities to be performed by the applicant at the host institution during the visit (typically 4-6 weeks), agreed upon by the applicant's supervisor and the host institution. A report on the accomplishments during the trip is required by the committee.

Applications will be received twice a year: by **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, and **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

Applicants will be notified by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, respectively.

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### 3) The International Affiliate Development Grant program (IADG):

This grant of up to **\$3500 USD** is offered to student biomechanists from low income or restricted currency countries to enable them to spend time in an approved, established biomechanics laboratory or to attend a relevant, approved training course.

Applications are to be received by **January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, with applicants being notified by March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

*Note: Students from the economically developing countries may obtain further financial assistance for congress and international travel from the [EDC Projects Group](#). For Developing Countries please contact the EDC Project Officer, Hannah Rice ([hannahr@nih.no](mailto:hannahr@nih.no)), or the Officer for Affiliated Societies Yumna Albertus ([yumna.albertus@uct.ac.za](mailto:yumna.albertus@uct.ac.za)).*

### 4) The Technical Group Meeting Travel Grant program (TGTG):

This grant is offered to the student members of the ISB attending the affiliated Technical Group meetings. It will be offered to help reduce travel expenses to attend meetings of the 3-D Analysis of Human Movement ([3DAHM](#)), Technical Group on Computer Simulation ([TGCS](#)), Footwear Biomechanics Group ([FBG](#)), International Shoulder Group ([ISG](#)), Hand and Wrist Biomechanics International Group ([HWBI](#)), Motor Control Group ([MCG](#)), and Comparative Neuromuscular Biomechanics Group ([CNB](#)). By virtue of the need to move the meetings among different continents, it is often very difficult for students to afford to travel to the meetings or to pay the registration fee if they can travel. However, we will offer travel grants, **up to \$500 USD**, to the students who will be presenting their research results at the aforementioned Technical Group meetings.

Applications are to be received by **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Applicants will be notified by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

### 5) The Congress Travel Grant program (CTG):

This grant is offered only in the years of an ISB Congress. Next year it will be offered to help reduce travel expenses to attend the XXXI ISB Congress in 2027. The ISB Congress provides a wonderful opportunity for exchange of information and for meeting other scientists who can be influential in the development of new directions. By virtue of the need to move the congresses among different continents, it is often very difficult for students to afford to travel to the Congress or to pay the registration fee if they can travel. However, we will offer several travel grants, **from \$600 USD up to \$1200 USD**, according to the distance from the Congress city. The student must be first author of the abstract and presenter of the paper.

Applications are to be received **by ISB Congress abstract deadline**, with applicants being notified by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

**\*Please note: CTG deadline is the same as the ISB Congress abstract deadline, even if the deadline is extended!**

*Additional Note: Students from an institution in an EDC region will be considered for additional funding according to their submitted budget. A separate application for the EDC Congress Travel Grant Program will not be necessary. Please clearly indicate on your application that your main affiliation is with an EDC institution.*

### 6) The Postdoctoral Fellow Congress Travel Grant program (PD\_CTG):

The ISB will now be supporting a postdoc congress travel grant each congress year after increased interest following the XXIX ISB Congress in Fukuoka, Japan 2023. The PD\_CTG will be offered again next year to help reduce travel expenses to attend the XXXI ISB Congress in 2027. The ISB Congress provides a wonderful opportunity for exchange of information and for meeting other scientists who can be influential in the development of new directions. We will offer several travel grants (**\$500 USD** each) to individuals who hold a title of postdoctoral fellow or similar trainee designation. The postdoc must be first author of the abstract and presenter of the paper. **Please follow the application instructions for the Congress Travel Grant (CTG) program** and be sure to **indicate that you are applying as a postdoc when you submit** your application via email (*in the subject line*).

Applications are to be received **by ISB Congress abstract deadline**, with applicants being notified by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

**\*Please note: PD\_CTG deadline is the same as the ISB Congress abstract deadline, even if the deadline is extended!**

## 7) Grant Summary Table

2026 Grants		Type of Student Grant					PD_CTG (2027)
		MDG	ITG	IADG	TGTG	CTG (2027)	
3 Page Proposal		Yes	Yes	Yes	-	-	-
Abstract		-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes
CV		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Recommendation Letters	Supervisor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Your Institution	Yes	-	-	-	-	-
	Host Institution	-	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Budget		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grant Amount (Cap)		\$2500 USD	\$3500 USD	\$3500 USD	\$500 USD	\$1200 USD	\$500 USD
Applications Due		Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	1) Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026 2) May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	TBD	TBD
Notification of Award		Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	1) Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 2) July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	Mar 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2027	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2027

**\*\*Any changes to the above posted application deadlines (as needed) can be found here:**

[2026-ISB-Student-Grants-Deadlines Updated](#)

## 8) Important notes

- [DOWNLOAD The ISB Student Travel Grant Tips](#)

### Who can apply?

- Applications will only be accepted from **applicants and their supervisors** who are **FINANCIAL** members. (Please provide the ISB membership number in your application. It can be obtained from the ISB Member Database or from ISB Treasurer / Membership Secretary, Dr. Andrew Cresswell.)
- ISB student grants are intended for students only, not postdocs.
- The Postdoctoral Fellow Congress Travel Grant program is the **only current program intended for postdocs**.
- First time applicants are preferred, but others can be considered if the funds allow.
- Applicants will generally only be considered for one ISB student grant in any one application round.
- The evaluation committee is authorized to limit the number of applications per institution.

### Other criteria

- ISB student grants do not cover indirect costs or equipment.
- **Student grant recipients MUST submit a brief REPORT** (video or written) to the ISB Student Grant Committee which will be published in the Newsletter within 8 weeks of the end of the grant period and may be shared on ISB social media.

- Please use only the Electronic application form ([ISB Student Grant Form V6.pdf](#)), filled up electronically (by Acrobat etc.).
- Please send the file(s) to the address below, **indicate *'ISB student grant'* in the email subject line and include in the email body a comprehensive Title of the project/proposal.**
- **Please combine all files into a single PDF** in the following order:
  - 1) ISB Student Grant Form
  - 2) 3-Page Proposal (if applicable)
  - 3) Abstract (if applicable)
  - 4) CV
  - 5) Recommendation letter(s)
- Please include only the documents requested (.pdf files), nothing else.
- Please note that email with attachments must total less than 4 MB.

#### Proposal formatting guidelines

- Proposals for the MDG, ITG and TADG should be a maximum of 3 pages.
- Font size must be 11 points or larger. Smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams and charts is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%.
- Proposals may be single spaced but with no more than six lines per inch.
- The budget should be included within the 3-page proposal limit as a table or brief paragraph.
- References may be included on additional pages as needed.

## 9) How to submit

Email the application to:

Dr. Erica Bell  
 ISB Executive Council Student Grants Officer  
 Email: [bellephd9@gmail.com](mailto:bellephd9@gmail.com)

**\*\*Please put *'ISB student grant'* in the email subject line\*\*.**

**\*\*If applying for the Postdoctoral Fellow Congress Travel Grant, please put *'PD\_CTG'* in the email subject line\*\*.**