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APCONF 6 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/TRAVEL AWARD POLICY

Application Deadline: 28 August 2026, 23.59 Adelaide Time

Notification Date : 4 September 2026

Thank you for your interest in attending APCONF6. Financial assistance is available for eligible participants who demonstrate financial need and whose participation will contribute meaningfully to the conference objectives.

Eligibility

To be considered for an APCONF6 Travel Award, applicants must:

- Have submitted their travel award request through the official application form [APCONF6 Financial Assistance Application](#) by the stated deadline. Request submitted by email will not be considered.
- Have completed their conference registration.
- Have an accepted conference presentation (Paper/Poster Presenters)
- Participants who submitted full written paper for inclusion in the conference proceedings will be prioritized.
- Intend to attend and actively participate in the conference.
- Agree to comply with all conditions attached to the travel award.

Selection Criteria

As available funding is limited, eligible applications will be evaluated according to the following principles.

1. Regional Representation

APConf seeks to maximise participation from across the Asia-Pacific region. Priority will therefore be given to achieving broad geographical representation. Where possible, awards will be distributed across different countries before multiple awards are allocated within the same country.

2. Support for Underrepresented Regions

Particular priority will be given to applicants from Pacific Island nations and other historically underrepresented regions, in keeping with APCONF's commitment to fostering an inclusive and representative regional community.

3. Career Stage

Priority will normally be given to Early Career Scholars, recognizing that they often have fewer opportunities to access institutional travel funding; and students.

4. Financial Need

Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate limited access to institutional or external funding.

5. Previous APCONF Travel Awards

Priority will normally be given to applicants who have not previously received APCONF travel support, allowing funding opportunities to benefit a wider range of participants across successive conferences.

6. Previous Compliance

Applicants who have previously failed to comply with the conditions of an APCONF travel award—including failure to attend scheduled conference activities, failure to participate after accepting funding, or withdrawal without exceptional circumstances—may be deemed ineligible for future travel support.

7. Contribution to Conference Diversity

The committee may also consider how an applicant's participation contributes to the disciplinary, thematic, cultural, and geographical diversity of the conference program.

Nature and Payments of Travel Awards

- APCONF6 Travel Awards provide partial financial support only. The awards are intended to contribute towards the cost of attending the conference and will not cover the full cost of travel or participation.
 - The amount of awarded to each recipient will be determined by the Travel Awards Committee based on available funding, the number of eligible applicants, and the circumstances of individual applications.
 - Travel Awards will operate on a reimbursement basis. Recipients are required to arrange and pay their own airline tickets, in advance. APCONF Committee will not purchase airline tickets on behalf of recipients.
 - For participants who require assistance with accommodation, APCONF Committee will arrange and book accommodation directly.
 - Awarded funds will be reimbursed in person during APCONF6, following confirmation of attendance and presentation of the required supporting documentation, including proof of travel expenditure.
 - Acceptance of a Travel Award constitutes confirmation that the recipient understands that the award represents partial support and that APCONF is not responsible for meeting any remaining travel or participation costs.
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- If recipient is subsequently unable to attend the conference, the award will be withdrawn and may be reallocated to another eligible applicant.

- Financial assistance recipients may be asked to assist with conference logistics (conference volunteers).

Final Decision

All decisions of the APCONF Travel Awards Committee are final. The committee reserves the right to exercise reasonable discretion in exceptional circumstances while remaining consistent with the principles outlined above.