2024 World Congress Travel Awards

Travel awards are to support participation of underrepresented groups at the IASSIDD World Congress to be held in Chicago in August 2024.

If you are a person with an intellectual disability, you may fill out this form OR the alternative form “2024 Travel Awards for People with Lived Experience” which is more accessible.

1. All applicants need to be members of IASSIDD and of the relevant SIRG at the time of attendance at the congress.
2. Some applications require submission of an abstract for the IASSIDD World Congress using the online system. Contact people below are available to assist applicants with this process.
3. All applications require completion of the application form for each award by the 24th of November (2023).
4. Applicants will be expected to pay their own travel costs and submit a form to IASSIDD for reimbursement in the designated amount for the award.

# Special Interest Research Group Travel Awards

1. **Families 2 Travel awards up to $1,000 each**

The Families Special Interest Research Group will offer two awards to support the participation at the World Congress for individuals with developmental disabilities; family members (especially family caregivers) of individuals with developmental disabilities; or students or early-career researchers active in research relevant to families of children or adults with developmental disabilities. Priority will be given to applicants from low- or middle-income countries. For further information, contact: Sarah Dababnah at [sdababnah@ssw.umaryland.edu](mailto:sdababnah@ssw.umaryland.edu)

1. **Challenging Behavior and Mental Health – 3 Travel Awards up to $1,500 each**

This award is intended to support individuals with lived experience with intellectual or developmental disabilities, early career researchers, and/or researchers from low- or middle-income countries to attend the 2024 IASSIDD congress with the purpose of presenting/discussing the topic of challenging behavior and mental health. Awardees will be expected to present in some capacity at the 2024 congress. Support is available from the Challenging Behavior and Mental Health Special Interest Group to coordinate panels or roundtable discussions or to help awardees shape abstracts if assistance is requested. Please contact Mindy Scheithauer at [Mindy.Scheithauer@choa.org](mailto:Mindy.Scheithauer@choa.org) with any questions about this award.

1. **Health Special Interest Research Group – PhD student and Early career awards; 4 awards of $1,000 each**

The Health Special research group is sponsoring up to four travel awards open to students or early career researchers in the field of health and intellectual disability. Applicants should be pursuing research in the area related to the health of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Preference will be given to applicants from Lower- and Middle-Income Countries. For further information contact Genevieve Breau at G.Breau@greenwich.ac.uk.

1. **Comparative Policy and Practice Special Interest Research Group 2 awards of $1000 each**

The Comparative Policy and Practice Special Interest Research Group will sponsor two travels awards. One award will be made to a person with intellectual disability. One award will be made to an early career researcher. Priority will be given to applicants from low- and lower-middle income countries. For further information please contact [christine.linehan@ucd.ie](mailto:christine.linehan@ucd.ie)

1. **Carla Vlaskamp award for early career researchers in the field of persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities 1 award of $1,000.**

This award has been established by the Special Interest Research Group on Persons with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities (SIRG-PIMD) to support the participation of a young researcher at the European or World Conference of IASSIDD. Carla Vlaskamp is one of the founders of the SIRG-PIMD and played an important role in the ‘visibility’ of persons with PIMD and in generating knowledge for science and practice about those people. Applicants for this award must:

* be researchers in the ‘early’ stages of their scientific career, which means that they do not have a PhD degree at the start date of the congress.
* have an abstract accepted for oral or poster presentation at the upcoming congress.
* be involved in research related to the support of persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities.

For further information, contact: Bea Maes, Chair SIRG-PIMD ([bea.maes@kuleuven.be](mailto:bea.maes@kuleuven.be))

1. **Ethics 2 travel grants of USD $600 each and 1 early-career researcher award of $600.**

The Ethics SIRG invites applicants for 2 travel grants. These grants are for researchers intending to present an accepted poster or presentation at the Congress in any stream, on a topic related to ethics. There is one grant available for a person living with intellectual and developmental disability, and one grant for a person living in a low- or middle-income country.

Additionally, the Ethics SIRG welcomes applications for an Early-Career Researcher Award. Any early-career researcher, whether presenting in the Congress program or not, is invited to submit a 3-minute video presentation on a question determined by the Ethics SIRG. The recipient will win an award of $600 and have an opportunity to present their 3-minute presentation at the Congress at an early-career researcher reception hosted by the Ethics SIRG.

For further information, please contact: Petra Björne at petra.bjorne@malmo.se.

*It is possible that other travel grant/scholarship opportunities will present over the next few months. Updates will be sent out to all IASSIDD members if/when this occurs.*

# International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

# Travel Award Application Form

* Please answer all questions on the form.
* All information must be received by the application deadline: **24th of November (2023)**
* It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure all information is provided and that attachments are received in time.
* Application documents should be sent by email to: [mindy.scheithauer@choa.org](mailto:mindy.scheithauer@choa.org) with the subject line “2024 Travel Award Application\_Last Name”

1. **Check the Travel award(s) for which you wish to be considered.**

* Families
* Challenging Behavior and Mental Health
* Health
* Comparative Policy and Practice
* Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities - Carla Vlaskamp award
* Ethics

**2. Applicant’s Contact information**

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**3. Information related to eligibility for the travel award /award**

* I am an individual with lived experience of an intellectual disability, or support person for an individual with an intellectual disability who will be attending the congress (if a support person for an individual who is also submitted a travel grant, please list that person’s name below)

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* I am an early career researcher. Please list your current position (e.g., student, postdoctoral fellow, etc.), number of years since accruing your final degree, or other information to justify your status as an early career researcher.

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* I am from a lower- or middle-income country (list country or region below)

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* I am willing to participate in the IASSIDD congress as a presenter or roundtable member.
* I have already submitted (or plan to submit) an abstract to the congress; provide Abstract title:

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* I am a member of IASSIDD for the 2024 membership year (or agree to become a member prior to the congress if selected): specify membership type

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**4. Referees**

If applying for an early career award, please provide the name of at least one person who you are requesting a letter of support from. This individual should be a mentor or other individual who you collaborate with on research. The individual should submit their letter to: [mindy.scheithauer@choa.org](mailto:mindy.scheithauer@choa.org) with the subject line “2024 Travel Award Letter\_Last Name”

You are responsible for requesting the letters and ensuring they are received by the due date.

***Referee***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**5. Attachments**

* Required: Attach a letter (400 words or less) describing your connection to the field of intellectual disabilities and why you would like to attend the congress.
* Optional: Attach a curriculum vitae or resume