

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Public Health Grant is designed to give to few motivated attendees who require financial assistance an opportunity to attend the Congress. The grant is fundamentally equity based and eligibility criteria for consideration fall into the following categories:

- Attendees with **low earnings** and from **low to lower-middle income countries** (as determined by World Bank country classifications) or
- **Indigenous peoples and people from marginalised communities** that continually experience lack of access and funding to attend events such as congress and are always underrepresented.
- Either **full or part-time students that can demonstrate need for support.**

**At least, 50% of the grants will be awarded for African candidates.**

The 18th World Congress of Public Health Grant is strictly limited, and funding will be awarded based on equitable access to opportunities.

Depending on the applicant's ranking in both need and merit of the financial support, the grant will cover:

- Full cost of **registration** to the 18th World Health Congress on Public Health, **accommodation** costs for the duration of the Congress (a maximum of 4 nights), and **flights**, or
- Full cost of **registration** to the 18th World Health Congress on Public Health and **accommodation** costs for the duration of the Congress (a maximum of 4 nights), or
- **Registration** fee to the Congress only

Any additional fees (i.e. Congress dinner, daily allowances, insurance, etc) will not be covered.

Grants awarded to successful applicants will be administered by the Organizing Secretariat, who will take care of registration and accommodation directly. No funding for daily allowances or other costs will be funded.

Please note that no request for reimbursement will be accepted. Therefore, if applying for the grant, we strongly advise not to register or book accommodation/travel before grant notification has been given. Applicants who book travel before grant notification do so at their own risk; no reimbursements will be made.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Grant**

- Applicants should be either a delegate with low earnings from a low or lower-middle income country (World Bank country classifications), or Indigenous delegate or delegates from marginalised communities (descriptions in application form), or students either full or part time of any age that can demonstrate need for support.
- Applicants must have submitted an abstract for oral/poster presentations or organised session; the abstracts must have been accepted;

- Attendance at the World Congress must not be supported by industry. (The committee reserves the right to rescind grants to awardees whose abstracts and/or attendance are supported by industry);
- Proficiency in English or ability to have translation and or translator present

### Grant Award Process

Grant application opens – December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Grant application closes – January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Grant notification – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Consideration will be given to ensure geographic and gender balance.

Those ranking highest will then be scrutinized for need.

Only selected applicants will be informed by email. Upon notification, successful applicants will be requested to decline or accept the grant award by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. If no feedback is provided by the deadline, the grant will be considered declined. Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply for additional funding alongside this application, to complement or, if necessary, substitute the grant request in case it is not awarded.

Declined grant awards will be reassigned to another applicant; no appeals process will be entertained.

### Required Documentation

- Application form completed (with chosen travel support and cost breakdown).  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4FxZGzH05rJ9Hc-bqEKfkq4F-C4wTOG-BxNF6r3lv49wWRw/viewform>
- Curriculum Vitae (including a list of publications, awards/honours and other relevant information)- A4 paper max 1 side (font Calibri 11, single inter line)
- Letter of motivation. The letter should not duplicate the CV but should instead explain how the candidate wishes to further develop professionally and how the World Congress on Public Health may help reach this goal including but not limited to professional development goals, relevance of abstract to WCPH theme, potential contribution to Congress discussions. Candidates should also indicate if they hold any role within WFPHA or PHASA (on voluntary basis or not). [Please use the file name format: Surname\_Name.pdf or .doc] (A4 paper max 1 side (font Calibri 11, single inter line)].
- Letters of reference. At least 2 letters of reference must be included in the documentation from academic supervisor, employer, or senior professional in the field and or community leader or elder; letters should comment on candidate's potential impact at WCPH and on Health Equity, locally, regionally, nationally or internationally.

- Copy of Passport / ID with a passport-size photo
- Declaration of Low or No Income. [Please download the form](#)
- For students: copy of student ID or proof of enrolment

Please note that the reviewers have the right to ask for more detailed documentation for financial assistance. Random control of the actual financial situation of the applicant may be performed to ensure authenticity of grant eligibility.

**Only applications submitted with all required documents in the same email will be considered.**

Please submit all requested documents to [secretariat@wfpha.org](mailto:secretariat@wfpha.org)