



## ESHMS Conference Travel Grant 2026

### Overview

The European Society of Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS) will offer one *Travel Grant* to support the participation of PhD students and early-career researchers in the upcoming ESHMS Biennial Conference (Hamburg, 19–21 August 2026) ([eshms.eu](https://eshms.eu)). These grants are intended to cover travel, accommodation, registration fees, and a conference dinner up to a maximum of **€1,000**.

### Timeline

- **Opening date for applications:** 27 March 2026
- **Closing date:** 20 April 2026
- **Notification of decisions:** 27 April 2026
- **Conference:** 19–21 August 2026 ([eshms.eu](https://eshms.eu))

### Eligibility and Conditions

- Applicants must be **PhD students or early-career researchers** (within **4 years of PhD award**, with extensions for documented parental leave or long-term illness).
- Applicants must be **members of ESHMS**.
- Applicants must have had their **abstract accepted** for presentation (oral or poster) at the 2026 conference.
- **Priority** will be given to applicants from lower- and middle-income countries, or to students who have no alternative funds to cover the cost of the conference.
- Recipients must attend the conference and **present** their research to be eligible for reimbursement.

### Grant Coverage

The grant may cover:

- Travel costs (economy class for plane travel, 2<sup>nd</sup> class for train travel)
- Accommodation during conference
- Conference registration (assuming early-bird or standard rate)
- Conference dinner or equivalent social event



The grant may only reimburse expenditures documented by invoices / receipts.

It **does not** cover:

- Local transportation (airport–hotel, public transport tickets, etc.)
- Meals outside of conference dinner
- Insurance
- Additional travel days beyond the conference period

### **Application Procedure**

Applicants should submit via email to [info@eshms.eu](mailto:info@eshms.eu), a **single pdf** including the following documents:

1. **Cover letter** detailing name, institution, career status, intended travel dates and an itemised estimated cost breakdown.
2. **Proof of abstract acceptance** (e.g., confirmation email).
3. **Abstract text** as accepted by the conference.
4. (if applicable) **Document from the home institution** certifying that the applicant has no alternative funding possibilities.
5. Document from the home institution certifying enrolment in the PhD programme or a document certifying the date of the PhD defence.

### **Selection Process**

- Applications will be assessed by the **ESHMS Executive Committee**.

### **Post-Conference Requirements**

- Submission of **valid receipts** (travel, accommodation, registration).
- A brief **report of 250–300 words**, summarising the experience and scholarly outcomes.
- Acknowledgement of ESHMS funding in any resulting publications.