



# Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant Program

**ICASSP 2026**

Official Document of the Signal Processing Society's Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant program to the

2026 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)

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## 1. Introduction to Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant Program

The Signal Processing Society has established a benefit for its Certified Chapters that allows Certified Chapter Chairs to nominate their SPS Student and Graduate Student Members to receive limited travel support (up to US\$1,000) to attend the **2026 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP)** in **Barcelona, Spain**. The grants will be awarded to a limited number of applicants who are planning to attend the conference and have a need for support to alleviate some costs of traveling.

## 2. Nominations

### 2.1 Nominations

Each currently Certified Chapter can nominate more than one student, but only one student from each Certified Chapter is eligible to receive funding. Each candidate must meet the eligibility criteria and attend in-person to receive the travel grant. While each Chapter can submit nominations, there is no guarantee that a nominee from that Chapter will be selected for funding as funding for the program is limited. If you plan to submit more than one nominee per conference, please complete separate nomination forms.

Each participating Certified Chapter's candidate(s) is required to be an IEEE Signal Processing Student or Graduate Student member in good standing and meet all eligibility criteria to be considered for the travel grant support. You will need the nominee's IEEE Membership Number in order to submit the nomination.

### 2.2 Nomination Submissions

Nominations must be submitted no later than the deadline listed in the Important Dates for the nomination to be considered. Please plan accordingly and allow yourself enough time to submit the nomination as there will be no exceptions for late or incomplete nominations. The Society will review the nominations and determine if travel support will be awarded and how much.

## 3. Eligibility

In order to qualify for a Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant, nominees **MUST** meet the required eligibility criteria.

### 3.1 Eligibility

The criteria requirements that all nominees must meet are as follows:

- Must be an SPS Student or Graduate Student Member in good standing at the time of application/nomination
- Must be a member of a currently-certified SPS Chapter
- Must have a reference/nomination submitted by the Certified Chapter leadership

- Must physically attend the in-person conference in Barcelona, Spain
- Candidates *can* have an accepted paper at the conference, but it is not required and the paper will not be considered or reviewed during the evaluation process.
- If awarded, the grantee must attend the physical conference. *If the grantee only attends the virtual portion of the conference, the grantee will not be eligible for reimbursement under the travel grant program.*
- All applications must undergo a review conducted by IEEE Legal and Compliance. *Additional information and/or instructions will be shared with the applicant regarding this, if applicable.*

### 3.2 Ineligibility

- Students receiving travel grant support through the conference student travel grant program or through Society competitions are not eligible to apply. Funding cannot be combined with other Society or SPS conference travel grant support.

If a nominee does not meet the eligibility requirements at any point leading up to the conference, the grant may be revoked.

## 4. Grant Information

### 4.1 Grant Amount

Travel grant support will be awarded in the amount of up to US\$1,000 for selected individuals. If awarded, payment amount is based on submission of eligible receipts up to the allotted amount. Nominees and Nominators will be notified of the decision via the email that is provided in the nomination.

### 4.2 Eligible Expenses

The grants can only be used to cover the travel expenses (i.e. accommodations, economy airfare, transit such as trains, trolleys, buses, taxis, etc. to and from airport, and visa fees) associated with the grantee traveling to the approved conference. Only the grantee's expenses can be reimbursed. Valid receipts must be provided for all expenses being claimed for reimbursement under the Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant. The receipts must show form of payment used, name, date, and amount paid. Hotel reservation confirmations or bookings, invoices, or quotes for airfare are not acceptable receipts *unless* the proof of payment is also provided with the confirmation document.

All travel expenses must be submitted through IEEE's NextGen Expense Reimbursement (Concur) tool. *Detailed instructions on how to create an account and properly input receipts will be shared with the selected grantees who are receiving travel support.*

The Society reserves the right to review all submitted expenses to determine eligibility and the final allowed reimbursement amount. The Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant cannot be combined with other Society travel support. If a nominee is somehow selected for more than one travel grant to the conference, the nominee will only be able to claim one and report it to the Society so the other grant can be reallocated.

### 4.3 Grant Payment

The grant will be paid on a reimbursement basis directly to the selected grantee and receipts are required for all expenses being claimed. Payments will not be issued in advance. Payments must be made to the grantee and will not be issued to a third party, including the Chapter. Funds will be issued by way of a bank transfer after the conference via IEEE's NextGen Expense Reimbursement (Concur) tool once the grantee's attendance has been verified. Detailed instructions on how to create an account and properly input receipts will be shared with the individuals who are selected to receive the travel support.

Prior to claiming the travel grant award, the selected recipient must submit receipts of the travel expenses that are equal to or slightly exceed the grant amount in order to receive the full travel grant payment.

## 5. Additional Important Information

1. In order for the nomination to be considered, the nominee is required to have current SPS Student or Graduate Student membership at the time of application and maintain current membership throughout the conference.
2. Travel grants cannot be transferred to another individual.
3. Only a limited number of grants will be awarded, and on a highly competitive basis. *There is no guarantee that any Certified Chapter's nomination will be selected. While a Certified Chapter is eligible for the benefit to send a student or graduate student to the conference via the Certified Chapter Student Travel grant, it does not guarantee that a travel grant will be given to the Chapter.*
4. The grants will be awarded to nominees who have a genuine need for support. Please make sure your nomination includes detailed answers to all questions.
5. The grants can only be used to cover the travel expenses (*conference registration is not an eligible expense*) for nominees to attend the conference. The grants, if approved, will be on a reimbursement basis and payments will only be issued following the conference and submission of all required documents.
6. All nominations must be submitted via the official nomination submission platform and must be submitted by the deadline set by the travel grant selection committee in order to be considered. **Late and incomplete applications will not be considered, no exceptions.**
7. Nominees will be notified of the decision by the email provided on the nomination. Selected grant recipients will be notified with further instructions on how to accept and claim the travel grant.

8. The SPS travel grant selection and oversight committees reserve the right to make the final decision regarding all nominations.
9. IEEE may not be able to provide certain services to certain designated countries, entities, or individuals from those countries or entities. View a [list of these countries](#).
10. Selected grant recipients must make their own travel arrangements and keep receipts for all expenses being claimed. Receipts must include the date, amount, and what it is for. If sharing receipts (such as meals, accommodations, or other individuals on the airline receipt), the grantee may only claim the amount for his/her meal, accommodations, etc.
11. The Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant cannot be combined with other Society travel support. If a nominee is selected for more than one travel grant, they will only be able to claim one

## 6. Important Dates

- Nomination Period Open: 2 February 2026
- Nomination Period Close: **Tuesday, 17 February 2026 at 23:59 (Eastern Time)**
- ***There will not be any exceptions for late or incomplete applications.***
- Decisions Announced: week of 20 March 2026

## 7. How to Submit a Nomination

All nominations for the 2026 Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant (to ICASSP 2026) program MUST be submitted to the following link before the deadline:

[\*\*Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant to ICASSP 2026 Nomination System\*\*](#)

***Nominations submitted in any other way than the above link will not be considered.***

## 8. Contacts and Resources

- If you have any questions or difficulties submitting a nomination (prior to the deadline) please contact [sp-grant@listserv.ieee.org](mailto:sp-grant@listserv.ieee.org).
- Information about the Certified Chapter Student Travel Grant program can always be found on the [SPS Travel Grants page](#).

- For more information about the ICASSP conference, please visit the conference website at:  
<https://2026.ieeeicassp.org/>
- IEEE Signal Processing Society membership can be added [here](#).