

Call for 24h-MOM Travel Award for Odour/Odor Conferences

1. Purpose

The purpose of this call is to award financial support ("24h-MOM Travel Award") to university students so they can attend conferences, congresses or workshops organised or co-organised by the following organisations involved in odour/odor management:

- *Odor Technical Committee (TC) of the Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA)*
- *International Society of Olfaction and Chemical Sensing (ISOCS)*
- *Air Quality and Odor Control (AQOC) Committee of the Water Environment Federation (WEF)*
- *Asociación Medioambiental Internacional de Gestores del Olor (AMIGO)/International Environmental Society of Odour Managers*
- *Odour Special Interest Group (OdourSIG) of the Clean Air Society for Australia and New Zealand (CASANZ)*
- *Italian Society of Chemical Engineers (AIDIC)*
- *Japan Association on Odor Environment (JAOE)*
- *Key Laboratory of Odor Pollution Control, Ministry of Ecology and Environment (KLPOC)*
- *Digital Olfaction Society (DOS)*
- *Specialist Group on Odours of the International Water Association (IWA)*
- *Sensors Council Standards Committee (SC-SC) of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)*
- *Kommission Reinhaltung der Luft (KrdL) – VDI/DIN Commission on Air Pollution Control*

The funding comes from the resources raised during the 24h-MOM event and will be used entirely to support the training and mobility of students interested in the science and management of **odours/odors**.

2. Eligible applicants

The following applicants are eligible:

- Students enrolled in PhD programmes at any university in areas related to:
 - Environmental, chemical, process or similar engineering
 - Environmental sciences, chemistry, biotechnology, microbiology
 - Sanitary engineering, waste, water, air management or other disciplines related to odours
- Preference will be given to applicants who:
 - Have submitted or had accepted an odour/odor-related abstract (oral or poster) at one of the eligible events

- Are part of a research group or project linked to this field

3. Eligible events and expenses

3.1. Eligible events

Eligible events include conferences, congresses, workshops or advanced courses organised or co-organised by the organisations listed in Section 1, provided that:

- The content is clearly related to:
 - Odour emissions and control
 - Sensors, chemical olfaction, olfactometry
 - Air quality and odour impact management
- They take place within the period [1 January 2026 – 31 December 2027]

3.2. Eligible expenses

Scholarship funds may be used for:

- Travel:
 - Air, train or coach fares up to a maximum of **700 €**
- Conference registration:
 - Student registration fees
- Accommodation:
 - Optionally, partial support for accommodation up to **100 € per day**, depending on available funds

Each scholarship will have a maximum total amount of **1100 €** and may not exceed the actual cost of the eligible expenses.

4. Total funding and number of Awards

- Total budget available in this call: **4305.71 €**
- Approximate number of Awards: **between 4 and 6**, depending on:
 - The amount requested by each applicant
 - The quality and relevance of the applications

The organisers reserve the right to adjust the number and value of Awards to make best use of the available funds.

5. Application process

Applications must be sent by email to your supporting organization. Alternatively you may use the e-mail 24h-mom@olores.org with the subject line: “24h-MOM Travel Award Application – [Applicant’s Name]”, attaching a single PDF containing:

1. Application form (as per Annex I template)

2. Cover letter (max. 1 page) explaining:

- Why the event is important for the applicant's academic and professional development
- How their work or studies relate to odour-related topics

3. Abstract of the work submitted or accepted at the conference (if applicable), indicating:

- Title, authors and type of contribution (oral/poster)

4. Short letter of support from a supervisor, academic or research group leader (max. 1 page)

5. Short CV (max. 2 pages) highlighting:

- Academic background
- Experience or projects related to environmental odours

Deadlines

- Call opens: **30 January 2026**
- Application deadline: **25 April 2026**
- Provisional outcome: **01 May 2026**
- Final outcome and notification to selected applicants: **5 May 2026**

6. Assessment and selection criteria

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- Quality and relevance of the work submitted to the event (if any): **up to 25 points**
- Motivation and consistency of the training and career plan with odour-related topics: **up to 15 points**
- Academic merit and prior experience related to odours: **up to 15 points**
- Level of financial need or lack of other funding to attend the event: **up to 15 points**
- Funds collected by the supporting organisation during the 24h-MOM **up to 30 points**

An evaluation committee made up of members of the 24h-MOM organising team and/or subject-matter experts will assess the applications and propose the decision.

7. Obligations of scholarship recipients

Recipients agree to:

- Attend the event for which they received funding
- Present their accepted oral or poster contribution, where applicable
- Prepare, within **1 month** after the event:
 - A short report of 1–2 pages describing:
 - Activities attended
 - Most relevant sessions

- Key learnings
- A few photos of the event
- This short article will be posted on the supporting organization's website. If that is not possible, it will be posted on olores.org.
- Acknowledge the 24h-MOM scholarship in their presentations or posters and the supporting organization (for example, in the acknowledgements section)

8. Payment and acquittal of funds

- Payment will preferably be made as reimbursement, upon submission of:
 - Copies of travel tickets and conference registration invoice
 - Accommodation invoices, if applicable
- Alternatively, the organisers may:
 - Pay the conference registration fee directly
 - Purchase travel tickets on behalf of the recipient, if agreed

Expenses must be acquitted within a maximum of 30 days after the end of the event.

9. Data protection and acceptance of terms

- Personal data will be used only for managing this scholarship call and will not be shared with third parties except where required by law
- Participation in this call implies full acceptance of these terms and conditions
- Any matters not covered in these terms will be resolved by the 24h-MOM organising team