

IEEE SMC 2025 - Student and Young Professional Travel Grants Application



Thanks to the generous support of the **IEEE Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC) Society**, applications are now open for travel grants to support students and young professionals authors of accepted papers in attending the IEEE SMC 2025 conference.

Selected applicants will receive a **travel reimbursement grant of \$600** upon successfully registering and presenting their papers at the conference.

For details on how to become an IEEE SMC member, please check the IEEE SMC website: <https://www.ieeesmc.org/>

Important Note: The grant is provided **as a reimbursement**, meaning recipients must cover their expenses upfront and will be reimbursed **after the conference** upon submission of required proof of attendance.

Eligibility and requirements

To be considered for a travel grant, applicants must meet the following conditions:

1. Be an active IEEE SMC Society member at the time of application, belonging to one of the following categories:
 - **Student/Graduate Student Members**
 - **Young Professional Members** (IEEE members who have graduated within the past 15 years)
2. Be the **author or co-author** of a paper **submitted** for presentation at IEEE SMC 2025.
3. **Register** and attend the conference.
4. Attend the social events organized by the Membership and Student Activities Committee during the conference.

Selection criteria

Applications are reviewed based on the following criteria:

1. Applicants who have been active IEEE SMC members for **longer** will receive preference.
2. Preference will be given to applicants with limited financial resources.
3. Priority will be given to applicants traveling from **distant regions** to attend IEEE SMC 2025.
4. Applicants who **did not receive a travel grant** in the previous year will be given priority.
5. The IEEE SMC Society will ensure **equal representation of all genders** in the selection process.

The evaluation process is highly competitive. Applicants are encouraged to **submit a strong application with complete and well-prepared documents** to maximize their chances of selection.

How to apply

To submit a travel grant application, please complete the online application form:

<https://forms.gle/joBWkqQLWZ4Yn4FZ7>

Applicants must upload the following **required documents** in **PDF format**:

1. **IEEE Membership Card** (downloadable from the [IEEE website](#) under *IEEE Account > Personal Information > Membership Card and Certificates*).
2. **An official letter from the supervisor or department chair** supporting the applicant's participation in the conference and stating that it requires additional financial support.

All documents must be submitted in **PDF format**.

Incomplete applications or applications missing any required documents will not be considered.

The deadline for the Student Travel Grants application is **May 9, 2025**

Contact Information

For any inquiries regarding the travel grant application process, please get in touch with pao.lo.scarabaggio@ieee.org

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q1: Can I apply if I have already received an IEEE SMC travel grant in the past?

Applicants who received a travel grant in the previous year will receive **lower priority** but are still eligible to apply.

Q2: How will I receive the reimbursement?

Funds will be disbursed via bank transfer or another IEEE-approved reimbursement method **after the conference** upon submission of required proof of attendance.

Q3: Are postdoctoral researchers eligible?

Yes, as long as they are **IEEE SMC Young Professional members** (within 15 years of graduation).

Q4: If my co-author is also applying, can we both receive the grant?

Yes, co-authors can apply, but funding is limited, and preference may be given to distributing grants across a wider applicant pool.

Q5: Can I apply for the travel grant as a first-year student and a new IEEE SMC member?

Yes, first-year students and new IEEE SMC members are eligible. However, preference may be given to applicants with **longer membership tenures** during the selection process.

Q6: Do I need to have an accepted full paper to apply, or are short papers/posters eligible?

Yes, short papers and poster presentations also qualify for this grant.

Q7: I am an IEEE member, but not an SMC Society member. Can I still apply?

No, applicants **must** be active IEEE SMC Society members at the time of application. If you are not a member yet, you can **join the IEEE SMC Society** before applying.

Q8: When will I be notified about the results?

Applicants will be notified via **email in early August 2024**. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will receive a notification.

Q9: Can I appeal if my application is not selected?

No, the selection committee's decisions are **final**, and no appeals will be considered.

Q10: What expenses does the grant cover?

The grant is intended to **assist with travel and accommodation costs**.

Q11: Will the grant be issued before the conference to help cover travel costs?

No, the grant is given as a **reimbursement** after the conference. Applicants must initially cover their own travel expenses.

Q12: What if I receive the grant but later cannot attend the conference?

If you are unable to attend, you must **inform the committee immediately**. The grant will be reallocated to another applicant.

Q13: Does receiving the travel grant mean I will automatically get a visa to attend the conference?

No, receiving the travel grant does **not** guarantee a visa. Applicants requiring visas should apply **early** and meet their country's visa requirements.