



Call for Applications: 2026 EARA Travel Grant

The European Association for Research on Adolescence (EARA) will assign several travel grants for early career researchers attending the 20th EARA Conference in Utrecht, the Netherlands (August 18-21, 2026). The following two travel grant opportunities are open for application:

- **Regular travel grants:** EARA will assign 10 travel grants of up to €500 each for early career researchers attending and presenting their work at the 20th EARA conference in Utrecht.
- **Green travel grants:** EARA will assign 5 green travel grants of up to €250 each to support early career researchers who opt for sustainable, low-carbon travel methods to attend the 20th EARA conference in Utrecht. Supporting green travel is central to EARA's mission to minimize environmental impact and help guide adolescents—our study population and future generation—towards responsible and positive choices for our planet.

Potential applicants are invited to **choose one of the two calls**, as applications to both are not allowed.

Common eligibility criteria:

- To be an early career scholar, defined as someone who is currently working on pre-doctorate levels or has obtained a doctoral degree within the last two years.
- To be an EARA member (join or renew online before submitting your application).
- To be the first or presenting author of an abstract (poster, oral presentation, or symposium) accepted for presentation at the EARA conference in Utrecht.
- Previous Travel Grant recipients can apply. However, priority will be given to those who have not yet received an EARA travel grant.
- After the Conference, recipients from both types of travel grants will be asked to provide receipts for the travel expenses and any reimbursed accommodation up to the value of the specific travel grant.
- Both types of travel grants can cover travel and accommodation expenses, with the reimbursed amount determined based on submitted receipts up to the maximum.

Grant-specific eligibility criteria:

For the **Regular travel grant**

- Early career researchers from all countries can apply. **Priority will be given** to applicants with limited budget and/or applicants from low-income countries¹.

¹ Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, East Timor, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lesotho,



- Accommodation costs may be included if explained and supported with receipts.
- After the conference, recipients will be asked to submit a brief story (short text, vlog, or any creative format you find suitable) sharing their EARA conference experience. These stories will be featured on the EARA newsletter, as well as on the EARA social media channels to inspire the community of researchers.

For the **Green travel grant**

- Only travel completed by sustainable, low-carbon transportation—such as train or bus—is eligible. Flights or other higher-emission modes are not eligible for compensation under this grant.
- Early career researchers from all countries can apply. However, priority will be given to those incurring higher additional expenses due to travelling longer distances using only sustainable means.
- After the conference, recipients will be asked to submit a brief story (short text, vlog, or any creative format you find suitable) sharing their travel experience along with practical tips for green conference travel. These stories will be featured on the EARA newsletter, as well as on the EARA social media channels, to inspire the community of researchers.

How to apply:

Complete the online application [form](#) by **April 30, 2026**. Depending on the grant scheme you are applying for, you will be required to upload the following documents:

Regular travel grant

- Brief narrative CV including education, academic achievements, and research interests (max. 500 words)
- Motivation statement (max. 300 words)
- Brief description of conference presentation (title, session type, presentation abstract or summary, max 250 words) and notification of acceptance

Green travel grant

- Brief narrative CV including education, academic achievements, and research interests (max. 500 words)
- Motivation statement (max. 300 words)
- Brief description of conference presentation (title, session type, presentation abstract or summary, max 250 words) and notification of acceptance
- Detailed description of your planned sustainable travel route. The website

Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Togo, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.



- Estimated costs statement (max. 250 words) and declaration of financial hardship

<http://www.seat61.com> may be useful for train planning.

Selection:

All submissions will be evaluated by the travel grant committee (Andrik Becht, Beatrice Bobba, and Filomena Parada), who will select the recipients for the two grant schemes based on the eligibility criteria. Applicants will be notified of the results by May 20, 2026. The recipients of the travel grants will be announced during the conference, and the financial amount will be transferred by the treasurer after the conference and upon submission of the documents listed in the eligibility criteria.