

Call for Applications: Ecology and Civil Engineering Society (ECES) Grants for Participation in International  
Conferences 2026

The ECES Academic Communication Committee is now accepting applications for ECES Grants for Participation in International Conferences in 2026. Please refer to the following application guidelines. Researchers and engineers who have benefited from this program have reported valuable insights and experiences. We encourage young members to consider applying for the ECES grant.

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Application Guidelines for ECES Grants for Participation in International Conferences

1. Objectives

Concerns related to the natural environment and its development have been a global focus, and various research and practical challenges have been undertaken. To develop ECES community, it is essential to promote human interaction and gain knowledge through active participation in overseas activities.

The committee selects one or two members as a dispatched researcher to attend international conferences in the field of ECES held overseas between April 2026 and March 2027. The researcher will then report their findings to ECES members.

2. Selection Methods

1) Eligibility

- ◆ Applicants must be regular or student members of ECES, Japan.  
*Note: Even if you are not a member at the time of application, you may apply on the condition that you become a member of ECES.*
- ◆ Applicants must be students or researchers/engineers who are 35 years old or younger at the time of application.

2) Selection of dispatched researchers

- ◆ The total amount of the ECES grant will be a maximum of 400,000 Japanese yen. The grant amount will be determined based on the location of the dispatched conference.
- ◆ The Academic Communication Committee will review the applications, select candidates for the dispatched researcher, and report the selection process and results to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of ECES.

### 3) Selection Criteria

- ◆ Consistence between the candidate's research background and the theme of the conference
- ◆ Clarity in stating the applicant's learning objectives at the conference
- ◆ Ability to attend international conferences and comprehend their content
- ◆ Degree of interest in the field of ECES
- ◆ Past activities, participation, and awards received from ECES
- ◆ Research achievements and work-related results relevant to the dispatch

### 4) Reporting Requirements

- ◆ The dispatched researcher must submit a report on their conference participation using the designated form. The report will be published in the ECES newsletter and in the "Topics" section of ECES journal.
- ◆ After attending the conference, the researcher must submit a financial report detailing the use of the grant funds, including expense items and the amount spent. If the total expenses exceed the grant amount, the report must include the excess amount. If the total expenses are less than the maximum grant amount, the remaining funds must be refunded to ECES.
- ◆ If the dispatched researcher is unable to attend the conference due to unavoidable circumstances, they must immediately report the reason for the cancellation to the ECES secretariat.
- ◆ The dispatched researcher is encouraged to submit a paper on grant-related research or technological developments to ECES journal or Landscape and Ecological Engineering.

### 3. Grant Application Form

Applicants are required to provide the following information:

1. ECES membership number (or your intention to join ECES member soon)
2. Applicant's name
3. Affiliation
4. Contact information (address, telephone, fax, e-mail, and contact person in Japanese)
5. Age
6. Field of specialization
7. Conference details (conference name, organizer, date, country/location, purpose/content, whether a field trip will be held, participation application deadline, participation fee, research presentation style (e.g., oral, poster), and information brochures (if available))
8. Estimated and detailed list of necessary expenses
9. Reason for attending the conference (refer to the above 6 selection criteria)

Please submit this information in no more than two A4 pages (free format) to the ECES Secretariat by e-mail (eces-manager@ecesj.com).

The application form should be written in either Japanese or English.

If your affiliation changes after April 2026, please include your new contact information.

#### 4. Application Deadline

March 31, 2026 Japan time

Make sure to receive confirmation from the secretariat that they have received the application.

#### 5. Grant Decision Timeline

The grant decision will be made by the end of April 2026.

6. International Conferences and Symposiums recommended for the grant (International conferences organized by the following international societies)

- International Consortium of Landscape and Ecological Engineering (ICLEE)
- Annual Meeting of Society for Freshwater Science (SFS)
- American Geophysical Union (AGU)
- Association for the Science of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO)
- European Geosciences Union (EGU)
- International Society for Ecological Modelling (ISEM)
- International Society for River Science (ISRS)
- International Water Association (IWA)

Applications to other conferences are also welcome.

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