

**World Physiotherapy Congress 2027 focused symposium
speaker/presenter bursary for physiotherapist members of a
World Physiotherapy member organisation in a low or low-middle
income country/territory**

Submission deadline: 8 April 2026

Please read this information carefully before completing the application form

Introduction

The congress programme committee (CPC) encourages diversity in a range of aspects, including the inclusion and participation of speakers/presenters who are members of a World Physiotherapy [member organisation](#) in a [low or low-middle income country/territory](#). This is an important opportunity to expand congress participants' perspectives and raise awareness of global issues. It also promotes greater international collaboration and support. However, speakers/presenters from these countries/territories often face challenges in securing funding to contribute to international events.

The available support is limited so applicants are expected to make every effort to seek funding from other sources. The maximum support that would be provided to one applicant is £1,500.

Application criteria

Applicants must:

- be current subscribing members in good standing with a member organisation that is itself in good standing with World Physiotherapy
- have the appropriate experience and expertise to contribute to the session
- reside in a low or low-middle income country/territory

Restrictions

- only one funding application will be considered per focused symposium
- applications made after the focused symposium submission deadline will not be considered
- repeat applications from speakers/presenters who have received previous bursary funding will not be considered
- this funding is not open to general abstract speakers/presenters
- flights will only be offered from the low/low-middle income country/territory listed in the application

Timing of applications

Applications must be made at the time of the focused symposium submission – the deadline is **8 April 2026**. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their focused symposium submission in June 2026.

Review process

Applicants must show evidence that they have sought funding from other sources (eg employer, national health ministries, international travel funds, and scholarships) and that their employer is unable to provide full funding, but has given their full support to their involvement in the World Physiotherapy Congress 2027. Because funding is limited, there is likely to be competition for support.

Applicants must complete the application form in full and provide:

1. Justification for their personal contribution to the congress session (maximum 200 words) under the following headings:
 - expertise and experience brought to the session
 - benefits that contributing to the session and attending World Physiotherapy Congress 2027 will bring to their personal and professional development
 - why their participation in the congress is important
 - how they will use the congress experience after the event

The information provided under each heading will be scored out of three points, totalling 12 points available.

2. A letter of confirmation from the symposium moderator, outlining the contribution of the proposed speaker/presenter. If the individual is the moderator, then a statement outlining why they are best placed to lead the symposium. The letter can be uploaded through the application survey.

A focused symposium submission must have passed the review stage before a funding application can be considered. Acceptance of a symposium submission does not guarantee funding.

What the funding can be used to pay for

Funding may be used towards the cost of:

- congress registration fee
- international economy travel from and to the country/territory of residence
- insurance (adequate travel, accident and health insurance must be obtained prior to departure)
- local travel in Guadalajara for airport transfers to accommodation and congress venue
- accommodation at a reasonably priced hotel for up to four nights
- daily subsistence up to £30 per day
- other costs relevant to the presentation.

Visa requirements are the responsibility of the speaker/presenter.

Conditions

World Physiotherapy will advise successful applicants on the most cost-effective ways of managing congress registration and travel arrangements. For example, registration will be handled by World Physiotherapy.

Any invoice submitted must comply with the requirements of World Physiotherapy (successful applicants will be provided with details of these requirements).

No bookings should be made without first obtaining agreement from World Physiotherapy.

If the congress is cancelled for any reason, the full amount (less essential expenses) must be repaid to World Physiotherapy.

To apply for funding

Complete the online form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BGK3TZL>

For any questions related to focused symposia funding applications, please contact congress@world.physio.