

Guidelines for Travel Grant Application - KAKIOKA2026

KAKIOKA2026 LOC provides travel support for participants of the **XXIst IAGA Workshop (KAKIOKA2026)**, to be held this October, aimed at capacity building for early-career researchers, early-career observatory staff, and graduate students. To apply, please follow the guidelines below.

1) Types of Support

Support is awarded based on a competitive review.

A. Full Support

- Registration fee waiver
- Airfare (Discount economy class)
- Accommodation expenses (for the duration of the workshop **plus one day before and after**)

B. Partial Support

- Registration fee waiver
- Partial support for accommodation or airfare

2) Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet **all** of the following, unless otherwise stated:

1. Status (meet one of the following):

- a) Early career researcher (generally with < 5 years of professional experience)
- b) Observatory staff (generally with < 5 years of professional experience)
- c) Graduated students

2. Field relevance:

Geomagnetic observations, geomagnetic data analysis/processing, and other related fields such as meteorology, space weather, geodetic surveying etc.

3. Institutional recommendation: A brief letter of recommendation from the applicant's home (affiliated) institution.

4. Financial need: Applicants must **demonstrate financial need**.

5. Motivation and priority:

- Applicants who **have not previously participated in the summer school** and who **demonstrate strong motivation** to attend are encouraged to apply.
- **Priority will be given** to applicants from institutions that have not previously taken part in the workshop.

3) Selection criteria

- Relevance to the applicant's work or research and to the workshop themes
- Expected future impact and plans for utilization upon return (e.g. contributions to global geomagnetic observation networks)
- Financial need
- Willingness and motivation to contribute to the workshop (including delivering a presentation)

4) Required Application Documents

- CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Motivation statement (less than 1200 words)
- Financial need (less than 500 words)
- Letter of recommendation from the home institution
- Copy of applicants' passport (information page)
- Proposed presentation title (optional; required only for those planning to present)

5) How to apply

Submit your application via the form below (Google account required)

Application Form: <https://forms.gle/nChWewZNiyiDWoEW8>

6) Schedule (Tentative)

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- Application deadline: May 15, 23:59 JST
- Notification of acceptance: Late July
- Support for travel arrangements: August-October
- Workshop dates: October 25 - 30

7) Important Notes

- **Visas:** Applicants are responsible for their own visa applications. The LOC will support the process **by issuing an invitation letter.**
- **Air tickets:** Instructions for air ticket purchase will be provided after acceptance.
- **Inquiries:** Please note that we do not provide individual feedback on reasons for non-selection.

8) Contact

If you have any questions, please contact: KAKIOKA2026 LOC (Email: kakioka2026.contact@gmail.com)