

## Chemistry Travel Award - FAQ

Can I apply for an international conference which takes place in Switzerland?

*No, the conference must take place outside of Switzerland. The conference has to last 3 days or longer.*

What is meant by "active participation at an international conference"?

*A poster presentation and/or an oral talk have to be given at a conference outside of Switzerland. The conference has to last 3 days or longer.*

I am doing my PhD at a research institution such as Empa, Eawag or the Paul Scherrer Institute. May I also apply for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*Yes, also PhD students working at such research institutes in Switzerland are welcome to apply.*

I am doing my PhD in collaboration with a foreign university (e.g. in Germany or France). May I also apply for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*Yes, as long as you are employed and mainly funded by a Swiss institution, you may apply.*

I recently finished my PhD and I have a Post Doc position now. I soon will present my PhD thesis at a conference. May I also apply for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*No. As stated in the announcement, only PhD students can apply.*

When will the applicants be informed of the decision of the selection committee?

*They will be informed by May 15 at the latest.*

May I also apply for a conference I already attended?

*No. Only conferences attendances from May 15 of the present year to May 14 of the next year can be supported.*

I've won a «Chemistry Travel Award» last year. What are my chances to win again this year?

*Zero, the «Chemistry Travel Award» is a once-in-a-lifetime award, each student can only win once.*

May I also apply for a summer school I am going to attend?

*As long as you participate in this summer school by presenting a poster and/or giving a talk, your application is welcome.*

Do I have to be a SCS member to apply for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*No, you do not have to be a member of the Swiss Chemical Society (SCS).*

Do I have to submit the same abstract I also submit to the conference registration?

*Yes, an abstract of the work you will present (poster or oral contribution) at the conference is required.*

I am working in the field of biochemistry/nanosciences/analytics, may I also apply for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*Yes, doctoral students working in all fields of chemistry may apply.*

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Do I have to be registered at the conference already before applying for the «Chemistry Travel Award»?

*No, you only have to put the link of the conference announcement.*

There is no conference announcement existing that I could submit. What should I do?

*You can send the link of last year's conference and add a comment in the comment box.*

May I also submit two applications for two different conferences?

*No, only one application per student may be submitted. However, several students from one research group may apply, and students that didn't win before may re-apply each year.*

May I submit two abstracts (for one conference)?

*No, your application must contain only one abstract.*

My supervisor has a confidentiality policy of not handing out recommendation letters to her/his PhD students. What should I do?

*Your supervisor may send her/his letter of recommendation in a separate email to [chemistry@scnat.ch](mailto:chemistry@scnat.ch).*

Do I have to send a proof of payment after having attended the conference?

*No, we do not demand any receipts of expenses, only a confirmation of attendance is required.*

I have missed the deadline for application, is it still possible to apply after March 31?

*A deadline is a deadline. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.*

May I submit my application in French, German or Italian?

*No, the application documents and the reference letter have to be written in English.*

Will I receive an award certificate?

*No, we prefer to spend the money on supporting excellent students to creating documents. The winners will be published in *Chimia*.*

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