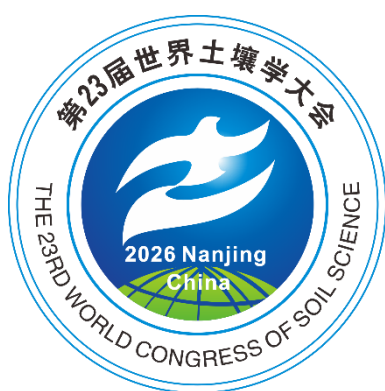




Travel Awards for Attending World Congress of Soil Science 2026

1. Introduction

The International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) and Soil Science Society of China (SSSC) are pleased to offer travel awards to support early-career scientists who wish to participate in the 23rd World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS2026) from 7-12 June 2026, in Nanjing China. This initiative aims to encourage the participation of promising graduate students and early-career researchers by providing financial assistance to help cover travel and registration expenses.

A total of \$40,000 USD in funding is available, aiming for gender and geographic equity. **Each selected applicant will be eligible to receive up to a maximum of \$1,000 USD.** The award will be disbursed as a reimbursement for actual travel costs and/or WCSS2026 registration fees incurred.

2. Selection criteria

Support is only for early-career scientists who are high-quality Master or PhD students or who have completed a Master or PhD degree less than 5 years ago. Applicants must be the presenting author of a submitted oral or poster presentation abstract for WCSS2026, and must be a member of a council society (national soil science society) that is a full member of IUSS. Applicants need to send their applications to wcsc2026@issas.ac.cn by

24:00 (UTC+8) on 31 December 2025.

All applications must be submitted in English and must include the following:

- a) Application letter, in PDF format, specifying the amount of funding requested (max. \$1,000 USD).
- b) CV including gender, education, country of residence, publication list in PDF format, maximum two pages.
- c) Abstract and its received confirmation for WCSS2026.
- d) Proof of student status or copy of Master's/PhD certificate.
- e) Confirmation letter from your national soil science society verifying your membership.

3. Evaluation and Announcement

A dedicated evaluation committee, composed of selected members of the IUSS and SSSC Executive Committee, will review all applications. Successful applicants will be notified via email by the WCSS2026 organizing committee no later than **28 February 2026 (UTC+8)**. The results will also be announced on the WCSS2026 (<https://www.23wcsc.org.cn/>) and IUSS (<https://www.iuss.org>) official website. The decision of the evaluation committee would be final and no discussion on the outcome will be entered into.

For any inquiries, please contact wcsc2026@issas.ac.cn or +86-025-86881992.

We look forward to your participation in WCSS2026!