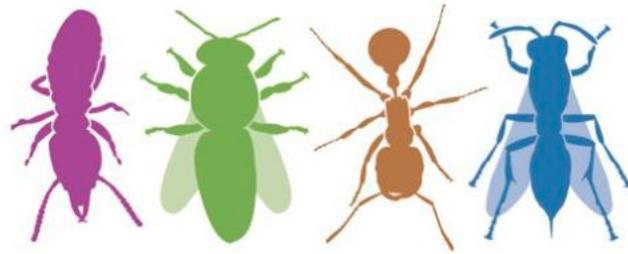


# IUSSI-NAS

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL INSECTS, NORTH AMERICAN SECTION

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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Student & Postdoc Travel Awards to attend the XX. International Congress of the IUSSI Freiburg, Germany Aug 16-20**

**Applications due Jan 15, 2026**

**Travel grants are available** for selected dues-paying student and postdoctoral members of the IUSSI-NAS who plan to present an in-person oral or poster presentation at the [2026 International Congress of the IUSSI](#), held August 16-20 in Freiburg, Germany. Priority will be given to members attending North American institutions who demonstrate the greatest need, who would gain the most professionally by attending, and who have the potential to contribute most to the meeting. We anticipate being able to fund approximately 12 applicants at a maximum of \$1500 each.

### **Eligibility:**

- Must be a current undergraduate, MS student, PhD student, or postdoc/early career professional (within 12 months of PhD graduation date)
- Must be an IUSSI-NAS member. For membership information see: <http://iussi.cyberbee.net/member/>
- Must have submitted an abstract for an oral or poster presentation

### **Applications should include:**

1. Title and abstract of the submitted presentation
2. Personal statement (1 pg. max) that includes:
  - a brief statement of what the applicant would gain professionally by attending
  - a brief statement of what the applicant would contribute by attending (e.g. diversity of research topic, personal identity and experience, service)
  - a brief description of funding need, including disclosure of any other travel funds the applicant has available or has applied for
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Letter of support from primary advisor addressing points from #2
5. A proof of being an IUSSI-NAS member (i.e., a print screen confirming membership) and of career stage (i.e., a letter from the head of the department or the program confirming eligibility)

6. A budget of funds needed to support travel and conference attendance including an explanation of the costs. **We expect each award to be a maximum of \$1,500.** We strongly encourage you to also seek funding from another source for travel or registration because award amounts are unlikely to cover all expenses.

**Applications are due by 11:59 PM EST, Jan 15, 2026.** Please combine all materials into a single PDF (except the letter of support, which must be emailed directly by the letter writer). Materials should be submitted to the Awards Committee ([awards.nas.iussi@gmail.com](mailto:awards.nas.iussi@gmail.com)). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Recipients will be notified by Feb 10, 2026.