AEC Johannes Johansson Travel Bursaries 2025-2028

Thanks to the financial support of the Creative Europe grant for the period 2025-2028, AEC will offer a limited number of travel bursaries to facilitate the participation of representatives from AEC member institutions in AEC events. Former AEC President Johannes Johansson was a passionate supporter of inclusiveness within the AEC, and the creation of these travel bursaries is a wonderful way to honour his memory.

This initiative follows the precedent set by previous AEC-led projects co-funded by the European Union, such as AEC-SMS (2017-2021) and ARTEMIS (2022-2025), which also provided solidarity funds to support the participation of AEC members in need.

In line with the objectives and priorities of the **AEC Creative Europe (2025-2028)** project, the travel bursaries will specifically focus on strengthening the representation of European non-EU countries at AEC events. This targeted support aims to foster greater networking and collaboration within the AEC community. As a result, applicants from European non-EU countries will be prioritised in the selection process to ensure a broad geographical representation and enhance the diversity of participants.

Eligibility and funding details

- Each travel bursary will be for up to 500,00 EUR.
- Each travel bursary can cover, depending on the country category below, full or partial travel and accommodation costs, as follows:

    - **Countries A**: For applicants from Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, The Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and Vatican City, AEC can reimburse up to 50% of the travel and accommodation costs.

    - **Countries B**: For applicants from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey and Ukraine, AEC can reimburse up to 100% of the travel and accommodation costs.

    - **Countries C**: For applicants from any countries not included in categories A or B, AEC may reimburse between 50% and 100% of travel and accommodation costs, following a case-by-case assessment.

Student representatives and recent alumni (i.e. within two years after graduation) from AEC member institutions wishing to attend AEC events should follow the application procedure described below, while also cc-ing the European Performing Arts Students' Association (EPASA) at hello@epasa.eu. The selection and awarding of student travel bursaries will be decided jointly with EPASA.

Note: We kindly ask participants to use the available funds responsibly by choosing reasonably priced travel and accommodation options, and to attend the event's sessions as part of their active participation.

Application process

Applications should be submitted by email to the relevant AEC office member: Beatriz Laborda, Events Manager, at beatrizlaborda@aec-music.eu (**for PJP and EPARM**), or Sara Primiterra, Senior Manager Events and Projects, at events@aec-music.eu (**for IRC and Congress**). In both cases, Paola Curci, Administration and Finance Coordinator (paolacurci@aec-music.eu), should also be included in cc.

Each application must include the following documents:

- A letter signed by a senior member of the institution, indicating:
  - Name of the person wishing to attend the event.
  - Name of the institution where the person works.
  - Total estimated travel costs (based on actual costs).
  - A brief explanation (up to 250 words) detailing any special needs or circumstances that justify the award of the travel bursary.

- For Category A countries: the letter should also confirm that the institution will cover at least 50% of the total costs, specifying the exact amount covered.

Please note that applications must include all the required information and be submitted by the deadlines indicated below in order to be considered:

Event	Deadline
Pop and Jazz Platform (PJP)	11/12/2026
European Platform for Artistic Research in Music (EPARM)	12/02/2027
AEC Annual Meeting for International Relations Coordinators (IRC)	01/08/2027
AEC Annual Congress and General Assembly	01/10/2027

Granting procedure

1. The participant registers for the event, choosing 'On place of the event' as a payment method.
2. The participant submits their application for the travel bursary by the specified deadline.
3. Successful applicants are contacted via email with details on the amount to be reimbursed and provided with a reimbursement form.
4. Successful applicants can book their travel and accommodation to attend the event.
5. After the event has taken place, successful applications must submit the completed reimbursement form to the AEC Office, along with original booking receipts. The instructions and deadline for completing this task will be communicated in the confirmation email (see 3).

For additional information about the AEC Johannes Johansson Travel Bursaries 2025–2028, please contact the AEC Office at any of the email addresses provided above.

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