IASTG Conference- Student/Early career Sponsorship Scheme

The conference will offer **a limited number of sponsorships** to support students and early career researchers within 3 years of completing their PhD wishing to travel to **Accra, Ghana**, and present their research. **Submission Deadline of the online registration of Interest Form with the poster abstract: 31 March 2026**

Sponsorships will be awarded **subject to the acceptance of the applicants abstract** and **availability**, as numbers are limited.

Overview of the Sponsorship Scheme

- Financial support to attend the conference in Accra.
- Covers essential travel-related expenses: transport to Accra, student accommodation, daily allowance.
- Awarded competitively based on the quality and relevance of the submitted abstract and on availability.

Key Dates

- **Poster abstract submission deadline: 31 March 2026**
- Notifications of acceptance will be communicated after evaluation on the **1 May 2026**

Eligibility

- Must be a currently enrolled student (Masters or PhD) at a recognised university based in Africa **OR** a researcher within 3 years of the completion of their PhD.
- Must be able to travel to Accra for the conference dates (22, 23 and 24 July 2026)
- Must be minimum 21 years old.

Requirements for Application

Students interested in applying must provide the following information **on the online form**:

1. Poster Abstract

- Word limit: 300 words.

2. Proof of Identity, status

- Copy of Passport identity page. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel.
- Copy of University ID card.

3. Letter of Support

- A brief letter from the head of school confirming the student's research involvement and suitability.

Selection Criteria

- **Scientific quality, clarity and originality** of the research.
- Due to limited places, only top-ranked abstracts will receive sponsorship.

Submissions should address topics such as:

- Exhumation
- Continental deformation
- Microscale processes
- Rheology
- Geodynamics
- Fracture quantification
- Numerical modelling
- Magnetic methods
- Geophysical inversion
- Pan-African tectonics
- Orogenesis
- Geometallurgy
- Deformation and mineral deposits,
- Structural Geology & Data Analytics
- Field structural geology
- Tectonics of the West African Craton
- Basin structures
- Isotopes as tectonic markers
- Other related areas

Poster Presentation Guidelines – Format A0 Portrait

- Poster template with guideline will be sent after abstract acceptance.

Travel and Stay Information

Students should note the following travel arrangements:

Preferred Mode of Transport

- The **preferred mode of transport is by road (bus)**.
- **If road travel is not possible**, students may travel **by plane**.

Accommodation in Accra

- Student accommodation or student-standard accommodation rates.

Coordination with Country Representatives

- If a student's country has an officially designated **Conference Representative**, the student **will liaise with their representative** to organise travel and accommodation arrangements.

Travel and Visa Information

Students should ensure:

- Their passport is valid.
- They check visa requirements for Ghana and apply in advance if needed.
- They are available for the travel dates communicated upon acceptance.

Contact

For questions, please contact the conference organisers at the email provided on the conference website.

Join us in Accra to advance structural geology's role in addressing Earth's deformation, resource challenges, and sustainable futures. We look forward to your contributions!