



THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΝΟ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΟ ΙΝΣΤΙΤΟΥΤΟ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

AAIA CONFERENCE SUPPORT AWARD

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The AAIA welcomes applications for a Conference Support Award to enable an Early Career or Established Researcher who is not yet a Full Professor to disseminate their research at a major disciplinary international conference (e.g. AIA/SCS; EAA; etc.).

The topic of the presentation must have a Hellenic component, although comparative study is welcomed.

The Award is to be used between 1 May – 31 December 2026.

Applications should be emailed to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by noon in Sydney on Friday, 10 April 2026.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Award is to support Early Career and Established Researchers who are not yet Full Professors to disseminate their research at a major disciplinary international conference (e.g. EAA; AIA; etc.).

2. Areas of Research

- 1) The paper to be presented must fall under at least one of the AAIA's current [Research Themes](#).
- 2) A Hellenic component is essential, although comparative study is welcomed.

3. Eligibility

An applicant must be a member in good standing of the AAIA.

Applicants must also meet at least one of the following conditions:

- 1) have received their PhD from an Australian university
- 2) be employed at the time of application by an Australian university
- 3) be an Australian citizen based overseas at the time of application

4. Value

- 1) Up to \$6000 will be awarded to cover travel, accommodation, subsistence costs, conference participation fee, and visa charges.

5. Duration

- 1) The award must be undertaken in its entirety between 1 May – 31 December 2026.

6. Application Requirements

- 1) A completed Application Form.
- 2) A confidential letter of academic recommendation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their referee has sent the letter of recommendation directly to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by the application deadline.

7. Award Holder Responsibilities

- 1) All Award Holders must acknowledge the funding support received from the AAIA in their conference presentation orally and visually, and in writing in any ensuing publications.
- 2) All Award Holders are expected to submit for publication either a peer review journal article based upon their conference presentation, or the final version of their conference presentation in the conference proceedings, within twelve months of the conference.
- 3) All Award Holders are required to offer to deliver a public lecture based upon their conference paper research to their local AAIA Friends Group, if there is one, within twelve months of the conference.
- 4) All Award Holders must write an article on their conference paper and the benefit participation in the conference has had on their career for publication in the annual AAIA *Bulletin*. This should be 500 words with one 300dpi full colour image, and it should be written for a non-specialist audience. The deadline is 1 February following the conference and should be submitted to publications@aaia.gr.
- 5) All Award Holders must refrain from acting in a way that may damage the relations of the AAIA with authorities and institutions of any countries in which the Award Holder is undertaking activities in conjunction with the Award.
- 6) Misconduct or activities that may damage the reputation of the AAIA may lead to the suspension of the Award.
- 7) All Award Holders are responsible to the Director of the AAIA or any delegates.

8. Assessment Procedure

- 1) Applications are judged on the following criteria:
 - i) the originality of the topic to be presented
 - ii) the significance of the topic in relation to existing research in the field
 - iii) the significance of the conference to the field
 - iv) the benefit of participation in the conference to the applicant's career
 - v) the quality of the intended output(s) arising from participation in the conference
- 2) Applications are assessed by the AAIA Research Committee. Those who undertake the assessment of applications are required to give an undertaking that all information acquired in the discharge of their duties be kept confidential and not be transmitted to any persons other than in accordance with the prescribed procedures for the selection process. Information provided to assessors in an application for funding will only be used for the purposes of evaluating the proposal.
- 3) Those who undertake the assessment of applications for funds are required to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- 4) Applicants are informed by email of the outcome of their application.
- 5) Competition for support is intense, and it is anticipated that many high-quality applications may not receive support. Appeals may not be made against the academic judgement of the assessors. The sole ground on which an appeal may be made is one of improper procedure. Anyone wishing to make an appeal against a decision should write to the Director no later than 30 days after the result of the application is emailed, citing the specific decision and setting out clearly the substantive basis of the appeal. Only applicants themselves may appeal. The Director will respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

9. Conditions of Award

Recipients of awards are made aware of any conditions that may be attached to the award at the time of award, as these may be specific to the project, and are required to confirm acceptance of those conditions.

10. Equal Opportunities

The AAIA is committed to a policy of equal opportunities in that applicants will receive equal treatment, regardless of race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age, or disability.

11. Ethics Policy

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the policies and standards concerning research ethics of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Award.

12. Health and Safety

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the the policies and standards concerning health and safety of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Award.

13. Data Protection

All Award Holders must abide by the [European Union's General Data Protection Regulations](#) in the undertaking of any Award activities undertaken within the European Union.

13. Visas and Insurance

Responsibility for all visas and insurance (e.g. travel; health) pertaining to their Award period and activities lies with the Award Holder.

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