

Applying for a travel grant

The grant application is submitted using the travel grant application form provided by the Cancer Societies of South-West Finland. The form is available at www.lounais-suomensyopayhdistys.fi/apurahat. You can also obtain the form from representative Ville Viitanen, ville.viitanen@lssy.fi.

The Cancer Societies of South-West Finland award travel grants for conferences and study trips. Travel grants for conferences are only awarded if the applicant is presenting or posting a poster. Study trip grants may be awarded for visits to hospice care units, clinic or laboratories, or courses intended to facilitate the adoption of new methods related to cancer diagnostics and/or treatment, the development of hospice care skills, or psychosocial support for patients and their loved ones.

Travel grants are available for cancer researchers and other healthcare professionals who are actively involved in early cancer detection, cancer patient treatment, hospice care, psychosocial support, and cancer prevention efforts. Only one applicant from any given subject area or clinic will be awarded a travel grant for the same conference or destination.

Travel grants are awarded for travel taking place within one year of the application deadline. It cannot be applied to a trip taken before the application deadline. The application must include the applicant's CV (1 page maximum) and a list of publications from the past three years (no abstracts). Recipient of study trip grants abroad must attach a written invitation or contract from the host.

All application materials must be sent as one PDF file via email to Ville Viitanen, secretary of the fund management committees (ville.viitanen@lssy.fi) no later than August 31, 2026.

Grants will be awarded on December 4, 2026, at the Southwest Finland Cancer Prevention Day event, which will be held at the Meri-Karina wellness centre. Grant recipients are encouraged to attend the event to receive their grants. Please notify Ville Viitanen, secretary of the fund management committees (ville.viitanen@lssy.fi), if you are unable to attend.

Application processing

The joint meeting of the management committees of the Cancer Societies of South-West Finland is held annually in November. Based on the recommendations of the grants committee, the meeting decides which grants to award.

Rejection of applications

Late applications will not be accepted. To receive the grant, the applicant must report on and account for previous grants in accordance with the guidelines.

Grant payment and reporting

Travel grants will be paid into the recipient's specified account in December of the award year. A report on how the grant was used must be submitted no later than one year after the grant is awarded. If the trip is cancelled, the grant must be returned to the account of the Cancer Societies of South-West Finland.