

Virtual Mobility Grant Scheme for Evaluators 2021 Call for applications

We are calling for applications from eligible evaluation professionals from the Global South for participation in **VIRTUAL** International Evaluation Conferences, which will be held between April and December 2021 (CES, AEA, UKES, EES...)

Applications are accepted from April through 30 November 2021.

Only completed applications with supporting documents will be considered for selection. The selection results will be made known in 30 calendar days of submission of your application.

Please send your applications as per the format given in annex 1 [HERE](#) (coordinator@evalpartners.org) with copy to (lynn@ioce.net). Any question should be directed to the same addresses.

If the link above doesn't work, you can copy/page following link in the web browser:

https://evalpartnerscoordinator-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/coordinator_evalpartners_org/ESU90lcru7ZDgGNZDa8w9zcBhSuGeja2SmhhhFK4x5YAHA?e=rzimmA

Or fill your application online at (Preferred): <https://forms.office.com/r/P6cJtshfL2>

1. Introduction

With generous funding from the Government of Finland, EvalPartners is happy to launch the Virtual Mobility Grants Scheme for evaluators from ODA-eligible countries (the list of ODA-eligible countries is available at <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2020-flows.pdf>)

While the majority of EvalPartners' support is tied to VOPEs from the Global South, this specific Virtual Mobility Grant Scheme (MGS) is intended to allow evaluators from eligible countries to attend premier global or regional virtual evaluation conferences or specialized evaluation events.

The scheme will support individual evaluators whose papers/abstracts have been accepted by major evaluation conferences (name of the conferences) to attend these conferences and make their presentations. This will be a competitive process and applicants must prove the

importance of their contribution to attend the conference, beyond any support offered by the organizers of those conferences.

Successful grant recipients will also have the opportunity to develop their individual capacities and will be required to conduct a session with their VOPEs to share the learning and experience they acquired from conference participation.

2. Eligible events

- American Evaluation Association Annual Evaluation Conference 2021
- UK evaluation society conference 2021
- European Evaluation Society 2021 conference
- Canadian Evaluation Society 2021 conference
- More eligible events will be added as they become available during 2021, we suggest you check back again on the EvalPartners website.

3. Eligible Expenditure

Support to enable participation of evaluators in virtual conferences, the grant scheme allows a maximum of USD 500 per applicant provided that, s/he can provide evidence of an accepted paper in the virtual program. Support will include:

- Conference registration cost
- Bank charges

The total cost per applicant must not exceed USD 500. Any amount in excess of USD 500 should be covered by the applicant.

4. Ineligible expenditure

- i. Costs of pre/post workshops
- ii. Any other costs will not be considered for grants.

5. Application Criteria

Applicants who fulfill following criteria are invited to submit applications as per the format given in the annex 1:

- i. Be a national of an ODA eligible country. A list of ODA countries is available <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-of-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2020-flows.pdf>
- ii. Be a current member of a verified VOPE (please check the IOCE database <http://www.ioce.net/vope-registration> if your VOPE is not registered or updated in the database please contact your VOPE leader to have it registered or updated before submitting the application)

- iii. Having a paper accepted for the virtual event (***the evidence of acceptance should be provided***)
- iv. Applicants who did not receive any IOCE/EvalPartners mobility grant at least during the last 3 years (2018-2020).
- v. Have ***letter of support from the VOPE (obligatory) and an EvalPartners (if applicable) network*** on level of activity.
- vi. Secure at least 70 points in the selection points system below.
- vii. Be willing to commit to preparing an acquittal report, participate in follow-up activities and volunteer for IOCE/EvalPartners activities
- viii. EvalPartners network leaders are also eligible to apply for grants if they fulfill above criteria. Anyone involved in the management of this program is not eligible.

6. Grants approval and disbursement process:

- The grants will be managed by IOCE according to IOCE financial regulations and donor requirements.
- Applications should be sent to IOCE two months before the start date of the conference/ event.
- Results will be notified within 30 calendar days from submitting the application.
- The results of the selection process are not appealable.
- Once the selection is completed, IOCE will send an official letter to the recipients with logistical information.

7. Selection process:

The selection will be done by an independent working group designated by EvalPartners Executive Committee.

#	Criteria	Maximum Score/100	Considerations for selection
1	Profile of accepted paper or panel on the main program of an international evaluation conference	30	Lead authors/panel facilitators get full score, co-authors get less
2	Previous experience with the IOCE/EvalPartners Mobility grants	10	Never received - 10
3	Country/region of origin	10	Least developed or low-income countries & territories = 10

			Lower middle income = 8 Upper middle income = 6
4	Alignment with EvalPartners priorities	20	Papers reflecting on the application of EvalAgenda 2020, the theme of one of EvalPartners networks (EvalGender+, EvalYouth, EVALSDGs, EvalIndigenous, parliamentarians or professionalization of evaluation)
5	Demonstrated activity level as member of national/ regional/ international and thematic VOPEs and/or at an EvalPartners network/ taskforce.	20	Letter of recommendation of the Head/Chair of the VOPE is needed demonstrating roles/activity level; and/or from an EvalPartners network/ taskforce.
6	Plan to benefit your national/ regional VOPE through the opportunity offered to you by EvalPartners	10	How you plan to benefit the VOPE and its members by attending the conference/ event sponsored by EvalPartners.
x	Total	100	

Applicants will be selected from the highest scored applicant in the eligible list up to the number of applicants that can be supported for the particular event with no lower than 70 points. The number of applicants supported for an event will be decided by EvalPartners' Executive Committee depending on the fund availability, strategic importance of the event, outcome of the participants' contribution.

8. Grant Acquittal

The recipient must submit a brief report with presentations, session plans, conference agenda, etc. attached to it once the event is over. EvalPartners is planning to organize webinars to share the experiences of the most successful recipients.

The recipient has to submit all the supporting documents to the EvalPartners Coordinator at (Coordinator@evalpartners.org) and copy the IOCE secretariat (lynn@ioce.net) within two weeks of the end of the event.