

## **Funding for AIWW**

Many ask us if we, as organisers, can sponsor people to participate in Young-AIWW. Unfortunately we are not in a position to do so. We do however, recommend you to try to get your own funding instead!

There are many ways to get your own funding, and it might not be as difficult as you think. But you need a good application, and you need to know where to apply. Small funds on national level are usually the best, but finding out where to apply might be the most difficult part. Be creative!

### **Some suggestions on how to find out WHERE to apply:**

Are you a student? Ask your university. Perhaps your fellow students or student's organisation or professors have heard of any funds? Or the university or student organisation has something available?

Are you working? Or writing your thesis or doing an internship with an organisation/company? Ask your boss, or your fellow colleagues or relevant organisations that arrange seminars on national level.

Google yourself ahead if there are companies/organisations related to your studies that can sponsor a group or ask your ministry of foreign affairs.

### **Some suggestions on HOW to apply:**

You need to show the people you apply to that you can add some value for them, a conference as AIWW gives you the newest of high level knowledge, as well as technical details. But the most important part of a conference will usually be the networking, and an application should also highlight this part. There are several ways to show that your participation contributes, for example to promote your organisation/university/company, present something, build network, gain new insights, share experiences/knowledge after the conference with a report/blog/article, etc.

In the application, remember to be detailed and specific. Also make sure that the people you apply for funding know enough about you, any relevant background you may have, your goals for the future and what benefits would result from you taking part in such an event.

Be aware that some places may receive a lot of applications. To make it easier for the people on the other end there are often strict rules on what needs to be included in the application, and how it should be included. Always follow these rules closely, and remember to keep it as concise as possible!

### **LAST but not LEAST:**

Applying for funding is not guaranteed to have a successful result, but remember that the process of making the application and finding how and where to apply is an extremely useful learning experience. Practicing formal formulations and highlighting your added value will be

very relevant for you in the future no matter what. And it will also be easier for you to apply for funding some other time.

If an active participation is required to be able to get funding, send us an email. We might be able to help you out by giving you a floor to present your paper/thesis, be part of a panel in a workshop or as a rapporteur of sessions during the conference.