



2026 Grants Programme

Join us in elevating the impact and standards of occupational therapy
in low-income economies by supporting delegates to attend
the WFOT Congress in Bangkok, Thailand in February 2026.

Selection Criteria

The *Congress 2026 Grants Committee* has been established to assess each application, taking into account the available funds. Full grants are made to cover costs for attendance at the Congress. Other funding may be provided to assist in partial subsidy of Congress costs. Grants will be assigned to suitable applicants based on fulfilment of certain conditions, which form the selection criteria below:

1. Grants will be made to applicants who can demonstrate that their attendance will professionally benefit them and their peers as well as those in their local community; and that their attendance at Congress may be the only way that information from Congress can be shared with peers and clients in the local community. The Grants Committee will look for evidence of the applicant's existing contribution to their professional community and upon their return, the ability for them to impart their newfound knowledge and skills.
2. Priority will be given to applicants who are members of their national association (if available in that country).
3. Applicants must be from countries classified by the World Bank as 'low income **economies**', in addition to information regarding the average salary of an OT in that country.
4. Priority will be given to applicants who have been selected to give a presentation at Congress 2026.

Grant Recipient Terms and Conditions

1. Grant recipients must submit a report within two months of the Congress, reporting on their experience and the impact of attending the WFOT Congress (failure to do so may lead to a refund being sought by WFOT). Information provided within these reports may be used by WFOT on its website, social media and in e-newsletters for promotional purposes.
2. Grant recipients will be required to submit an article to the journal/newsletter of the funding association and the WFOT Bulletin, as well as any local publication they may have about their attendance and their key learning experiences whilst in Thailand.
3. Grant recipients commit to return to their home country at the end of the Congress.
4. Successful candidates will be required to sign an undertaking indicating that any expenses/payments made on their behalf will be repaid if they do not attend the WFOT Congress 2026.

5. Grant recipients and amounts will be determined by WFOT.
6. WFOT retain the right to make final decisions regarding the selection of successful candidates.
7. WFOT is not responsible or liable for the Grant recipients during their stay in Thailand.
8. WFOT does not accept any responsibility or liability for the visa application procedure. Expenses will not be reimbursed until the required visa has been obtained.
9. WFOT does not accept any liability for damages occurring from or resulting by visiting the WFOT Congress 2026, or during an applicant's stay in Thailand. Grant recipients are responsible for their own travel insurance.

Low-income economies listing as per the World Bank

Afghanistan	Eswatini	Morocco	Tajikistan
Angola	Ethiopia	Mozambique	Tanzania
Bangladesh	Gambia	Nepal	Timor-Leste
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Nicaragua	Togo
Bhutan	Haiti	Niger	Tunisia
Bolivia	Honduras	Nigeria	Uganda
Burkina Faso	India	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
Burundi	Kenya	Papua New Guinea	Vanuatu
Cabo Verde	Kiribati	Philippines	Venezuela
Cambodia	Korea, Dem. People's Rep	Rwanda	West Bank and Gaza
Cameroon	Laos	Samoa	Yemen, Rep.
Central African Republic	Lebanon	São Tomé and Príncipe	Zambia
Chad	Lesotho	Senegal	
Comoros	Liberia	Solomon Islands	
Congo, Dem. Rep	Madagascar	Somalia	
Congo, Rep.	Malawi	South Sudan	
Côte d'Ivoire	Mali	Sri Lanka	
Djibouti	Mauritania	Sudan	
Eritrea	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Syria	