

**ICOM Dubai 2025 Participation Grants**

**SAREC Participation Grants  
Grace Morley Participation Grant**

**Call for applications**

**Deadline for submission: 28 February 2025 at 23h59 CET**

ICOM is once again offering financial grants to support the participation of its members at ICOM's 27<sup>th</sup> General Conference in Dubai.

The General Conference will take place on 10-14 November 2025, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, under the theme *The Future of Museums in Rapidly Changing Communities*. As the most significant global event for ICOM, museums and museum professionals, it is essential for our organisation to ensure that attendance is as large as possible, fostering diversity of attending members and ensuring that the active entities of ICOM are well represented.

The ICOM Dubai 2025 Participation Grants are managed by SAREC, ICOM's Strategic Allocations Review Committee, which allocates financial support to committees through annual subsidies for ICs and RAs, project funding and participation grants. One of its tasks is thus to allocate grants to help individual members attend international meetings and conferences.

**The amount awarded in each grant will depend on travel expenses, to a maximum value of €3,300 euros per person unless in exceptional circumstances.**

SAREC will select the candidates and allocate the available funds. Approximately 60 grantees will be awarded a grant. The conference organiser and its partner travel agency will manage the travel arrangements and the booking of accommodation for each grantee.

In addition to the SAREC Participation Grants, SAREC will select one candidate for the Grace Morley Participation Grant – a generous offer to specifically support one candidate from **India**. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, the conditions for this grant aligns with those described for the SAREC Dubai 2025 Participation Grants.

## COVERAGE

Each grant awarded will cover the following expenses:

- return airfare in economy class between the grantee's "home airport" and Dubai;
- accommodation during the General Conference in a designated hotel;
- registration fees for the General Conference.

Candidates should note that the grant does **not** cover transfer to and from the airport, local transportation, any costs related to visa arrangements or insurance, any supplementary night spent in Dubai, pre- or post-conference tours, or any expenses other than those mentioned above.

Expenses covered by the grant will be paid directly by ICOM or the General Conference organisers so that grantees won't need to advance money or manage any refunds. The grantee will not receive any funds directly.

## ELIGIBILITY

To apply for a SAREC Participation Grant, candidates must be:

- individual members of ICOM;
- either:
  - Board members or designated representatives from a National Committee (NC), an International Committee (IC) or a Regional Alliance (RA);
  - or member of a Standing Committees (SC) or a Working Group (WG);
  - or vice-chair or spokesperson (for ICs or NCs) of the Advisory Council;
- in good standing for at least three (3) years, including the year of application and reception of the grant, that is having paid their membership fees for 2023, 2024 and 2025;
- candidates will be required to sign the attached Terms and Conditions as an integral part of the application process;
- only one (1) application for a Participation Grant to the ICOM General Conference in Dubai will be accepted per candidate, whatever programme (whether SAREC or Grace Morley) is chosen;
- candidates must be officially nominated by their Committee (NC, IC or SC), Alliance or Working Group. A candidate not officially nominated by his/her Committee, Alliance or Working Group will not be considered.

In order to ensure a large representation of all ICOM bodies, a maximum of two (2) applications will be accepted for each NC, IC, SC, RA or WG. Any Committee, Alliance or Working Group nominating more than two (2) candidates will automatically be excluded from the selection process, thus rendering all its candidates ineligible for the grant.

### Applying for the Grace Morley Participation Grant

- Candidates must be individual members of ICOM India;
- candidates must be in good standing for at least three (3) years, including the year of application and reception of the grant, that is having paid their membership fees for 2023, 2024 and 2025;

- only one (1) application for a Participation Grant to the ICOM General Conference in Dubai will be accepted per candidate, whatever programme (whether SAREC Dubai 2025 Participation Grant or Grace Morley) is chosen;
- candidates will be required to sign the attached Terms and Conditions as an integral part of the application process.

Candidates to the Grace Morley Participation Grant do not need to be nominated by any Committee, Alliance or Working Group.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Only eligible candidates will be considered for selection. Each application will be evaluated through the following set of criteria. SAREC will establish a ranking list of candidates, who will be awarded the grant according to their position on the list until all available funds are allocated.

Priority will be given to the following applicant profiles:

- chairs, co-chairs or vice-chairs of NCs, ICs, SCs, RAs or Spokespersons from the Advisory Council;
- candidates from countries in [categories 3, 4 and 5](#);
- candidates who will actively participate in programme activities during the General Conference, such as giving presentations, attending Board or other working meetings, or participating in institutional activities;
- candidates who have not received any financial support through participation grants offered by SAREC or the Getty Foundation in the last four (4) years (Prague 2022 and Marseille 2024).

For selecting a candidate to the Grace Morley Participation Grant, priority will be given to the following profile:

- candidates who will actively participate in programme activities during the General Conference, such as giving presentations, attending Board or other working meetings, or participating in institutional activities;
- candidates who have not received any financial support through participation grants offered by SAREC or the Getty Foundation in the last four (4) years (Prague 2022 and Marseille 2024) and who never received the Grace Morley Participation Grant before.

**Note:** English-language proficiency is not a mandatory requirement, but prospective candidates should note that they will make the most out of the General Conference if they are fluent in English.

## **USE OF GRANT**

The grant shall be used to cover travel, accommodation and registration costs only.

Grantees will travel and be accommodated between the days immediately before and after the General Conference considering flight availability.

Grant recipients may be asked to attend events gathering all the grantees; information

on specific expectations will be communicated after the selection process is completed and well before the start of the General Conference.

The support of ICOM must be acknowledged in any presentation made by the grantee during the General Conference as well as in any feedback (presentation, written reports or articles about the General Conference, etc.) reporting about the benefits of the General Conference to their colleagues or committees.

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

An application comprises:

- the grant application form (to be completed online);
- the [Terms and Conditions](#) (to be signed and attached with the application);
- a short CV (to be attached with the application);
- nomination form ([template provided](#), to be signed). This is not required for the Grace Morley Participation Grant.

Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered. Likewise, applications coming after the deadline or through other means than the dedicated online form will not be considered.

## **RESULTS**

Selected grantees will be notified by the end of April 2025. Selected grantees will have two weeks (10 working days) to confirm acceptance of the grant offer. Any failure to accept the grant on time will result in the expiration of the offer.

If necessary, a second round of grant offers might be made and will be notified by end of May 2025. Selected grantees will have two weeks (10 working days) to confirm acceptance of the grant offer. Any failure to accept the grant on time will result in the expiration of the offer.

Unselected candidates will be notified at the end of the process, at the latest by 15 June 2025.

## **ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM**

Find the application portal for the ICOM SAREC Participation Grants and Grace Morley Participation Grant here:

[https://icom.formstack.com/forms/en\\_icom\\_participation\\_grants\\_2025](https://icom.formstack.com/forms/en_icom_participation_grants_2025).

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Monday 28 February at 23:59** (Paris time).