

ICOM Dubai 2025 Participation Grants

ICOM-Getty Participation Grants

Call for applications

Deadline for submission: 14 March 2025 at 23h59 CET

With support from the Getty, ICOM is once again offering financial grants to support the participation of emerging and mid-career members at ICOM's 27th General Conference.

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 Getty Foundation fulfils the philanthropic mission of the Getty Trust by supporting individuals and institutions committed to advancing the greater understanding and preservation of the visual arts around the world. A long-time partner of ICOM, the Getty Foundation has consistently supported our projects and initiatives over the years.

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.

The process of selecting potential grantees for the ICOM-Getty Participation Grants is managed by SAREC (the Strategic Allocations Review Committee), ICOM's Standing Committee which allocates financial support to committees through annual subsidies for ICs and RAs, project funding and travel grants. One of its tasks is to allocate grants to help individual members attend international meetings and conferences.

The shortlist of grantees selected by SAREC will be submitted to the Getty Foundation for final validation. Approximately 20 candidates will be awarded a grant by the Getty Foundation.

The conference organiser and its partner travel agency will manage the travel arrangements and the booking of accommodation for each grantee.

Note: Interested members could also consider applying for a SAREC Participation Grant **instead of** the ICOM-Getty Participation Grant. Information concerning the SAREC grant is gathered in a separate document (see [guidelines](#) for the SAREC grant).

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

- Candidates must be individual members of ICOM.
- Candidates must be emerging or mid-career professionals of maximum 40 years of age.
- 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.
- Candidates must be fluent in English.
- Only one (1) application for a Participation Grant to the ICOM General Conference in Dubai will be accepted per candidate, whatever programme (whether SAREC, Grace Morley or ICOM-Getty) is chosen.
- Candidates will be required to sign the attached Terms and Conditions as an integral part of the application process.

Candidates who are considering applying for a SAREC Participation Grant, a Grace Morley Participation Grant or an ICOM-Getty Participation Grant must decide which grant is more suitable for them and apply for only one of them. Applying for both SAREC, ICOM-Getty and/or Grace Morley grants will render the candidate ineligible for both.

Applicants from countries under sanction may not be eligible to apply for this funding; please get in touch with us at grants@icom.museum for more information.

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 – provided their agreement by the Getty Foundation – according to their position on the list until all available funds are allocated.

Priority will be given to the following candidate profiles:

- though applications from all countries are welcome, candidates from countries in [categories 3, 4 and 5](#) (except countries under embargo) will have strong priority in the selection process;
- 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).

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 and the Getty Foundation 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.

After the General Conference, ICOM-Getty grantees are expected to submit a short, written report to SAREC detailing the benefits of the grant on their participation in the General Conference (which may be shared with ICOM members), an evaluation of the process as candidate and grantee, and any recommendations the grantee might have. A photograph taken by (or of) the grantee that can be published by ICOM is encouraged.

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).

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

RESULTS

Selected grantees will be notified by mid-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, and the grant may be offered to another candidate.

If necessary, a second round of grant offers might be made and will be notified by mid-June 2025. Selected grantees will have two weeks (10 working days) 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.

Unsuccessful candidates will be notified at the end of the process, at the latest by 15 July 2025.

ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM

Find the application portal for the ICOM-Getty Participation Grants here:

https://icom.formstack.com/forms/en_icom_participation_grants_2025_getty

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday 14 March at 23:59 (Paris time).