



Conference registration waivers for members of the GCTS

The following Traumatic Stress Societies have offered collaborators on projects of the Global Collaboration on Traumatic Stress (GCTS) (<https://www.global-psychotrauma.net>) one or several registration waivers for their annual meetings:

- **Canadian Psychological Association - Traumatic Stress Section (CPA-TSS)**
Up to two waived annual meeting registrations for individuals coming from LMICs to attend the annual meeting to present on GCTS projects (assuming that their abstracts are accepted through the regular peer review process)
- **Chilean Association of Traumatic Stress (ACET)**
Up to three waived annual meeting registrations for GCTS Project members presenting their projects' results to attend the annual meeting of the ACET
- **European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ESTSS)**
Up to two waived meeting registrations for individuals preferably coming from LMICs to attend the biannual meeting of the ESTSS (assuming that their abstracts are accepted through the regular peer review process).
ESTSS offers additional conference and travel support to specific interest groups. Please see <https://estss.org/estss-announces-extensive-biannual-conference-2023-fee-waivers-and-travel-grant-scheme/>.
- **German speaking Society for Psychotraumatology (DeGPT)**
There is already the option to attend the DeGPT conference without paying the fees for young researchers. DeGPT would even support up to three individuals from LMICs who present results from GCTS projects to form a full session.
- **International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS)**
One waived annual meeting registrations for individuals coming from LMICs to attend the annual meeting to present on GCTS projects (assuming that their abstracts are accepted through the regular peer review process)
- **Japanese Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (JSTSS)**
1-2 presentations as «virtual presentations at a symposium organized by the International Exchange Committee of JSTSS». The presentations will be presented as a recording (Live virtual session is not available). The discussion at the meeting with the audience will be held in Japanese and the content of the discussion will be shared in English after the meeting
- **Korean Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (KSTSS)**
Up to three waived annual meeting registrations for GCTS Project members presenting their projects' results, either by attending on-site or presenting as a recording

1. Who can apply for conference registration waivers?

Anyone collaborating on a project being conducted within the framework of the GCTS who has submitted an abstract reporting on that project to one of the meetings mentioned above, and whose abstract has been accepted, can apply for a conference registration waiver.

2. Application submission

Applications are to be submitted to the Theme Leader of the GCTS Theme under which the project is being conducted, immediately after acceptance of the abstract by the conference organizers. Applications should include the following information:

- The original abstract that has been accepted for (oral or poster) presentation at the conference
- Name and role of the applicant (speaker, poster presenter, discussant, ...)
- Brief explanation why the applicant cannot access alternative funding possibilities
- Brief explanation how the applicant will fund the additional expenses required to attend the conference (travel expenses, accommodation) should they obtain the registration fee waiver

3. Review criteria and process

Applications will be reviewed by Theme Leaders based on

- Completeness of application
- Scientific quality of the abstract
- The application's potential for dissemination of results from their respective GCTS Theme/Project

Applications will then be sent by Theme Leaders to the GCTS Chair and Co-Chair along with a recommendation.

The GCTS Chair and Co-Chair will review all application(s) received by Theme Leaders with regard to the conference in question, and prioritize applications. In addition to the criteria outlined above, the following selection criteria will be considered:

- Significance of results for the field
- Early career presenters will be prioritized over mid-/late career presenters
- Distribution across continents of recipients' and their co-authors' origin
- Distribution across GCTS Themes

4. Decision

The GCTS Chair and Co-Chair will take the final decision on which applicant(s) will receive a registration waiver. They will inform the applicants, the organizers of the conference in question, and the GCTS Steering Committee about their decision within three weeks of receipt of applications.

5. Repeated applications

There is no bar to repetitive applications from the same applicant.

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