



International Society of Limnology (SIL)

Wetzel Memorial Fund

SIL Congress Travel Award

Information on the Wetzel Memorial Fund

The Wetzel Memorial Fund was created in 2004 through a request from Robert G. Wetzel, for paying SIL related expenses of young limnologists throughout the world that might otherwise be unable to participate in SIL activities. In particular, the Wetzel Memorial Fund will be used for travel support of those SIL members who are presenting a paper (orally or by poster) at a SIL congress.

For the 2026 joint-congress between the Association of the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO) and the International Society of Limnology (SIL) in Montreal, travel awards from the Wetzel Memorial Fund will be of up to US\$1,000, based on the financial needs demonstrated by the applicant.

Candidates must comply with the following criteria:

- Have been a SIL member in the year prior to the congress (in this case, prior to May 12, 2025). ***Becoming a SIL member now will not qualify you.***
- Present a paper either orally or by poster in-person at the congress.
- Previous award recipients are not eligible to apply again.

Applications may be filled out at the following link : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YYWVHY6>

Applications should respect the recommended answer lengths, include a summary of the applicant's career so far, including any publications, an abstract of the proposed presentation, a complete travel budget that includes an account of how the awardee will raise the rest of the sum needed and where SIL will contribute, and a short justification for asking for an award. Two letters of recommendation should accompany the application.

Due to some international travel restrictions and regulations, SIL advises all travelers to familiarize themselves with travel requirements for the host country (Canada) as well as any layover countries, begin the visa application process early (if necessary), and strongly recommends travel insurance. Travel awards will not be given for travel that has been canceled.

The award recipient must submit a brief report within 1 month after the congress, on experiences gained from participating in the SIL congress. Those reports, or parts of them may be published in SILNews and/or posted on the SIL Website and social media, so photographs included will be welcome.

Recipients will be chosen from acceptable entries by the SIL Student Awards Committee.

Submit applications via the following link by December 2, 2025.

Letters of recommendation should be sent to siloffice@limnology.org by December 2, 2025.

Email the SIL business office at: business@limnology.org for questions.