



## **SIMP Grants Supporting Young Researchers at Mercury 2026**

The Italian Society of Mineralogy and Petrology (SIMP) will offer **two grants** to support the participation of students and PhD candidates at the [Mercury 2026 Conference](#) in Leuven (1-4 September 2026).

The grants will cover the cost of early-bird registration fees (200 euros), which include morning and afternoon coffee breaks, lunches, ice breaker party, conference dinner and conference material.

### **Eligibility requirements**

Applicants should:

- Be a student or PhD candidate and junior member of SIMP (up to date with the 2026 membership fee\*)
- Have submitted an abstract to the meeting (deadline: 30 June, <https://ees.kuleuven.be/en/mercury2026/abstracts>)
- Have completed the early-bird registration payment (deadline: 30 June, <https://ees.kuleuven.be/en/mercury2026/registration>)

### **Application procedure**

Applicants are invited to send a motivation letter (PDF format, maximum 1 page) to [giulia.marras@kuleuven.be](mailto:giulia.marras@kuleuven.be)

The letter should include:

- Personal information (name, role, affiliation, contact details)
- Brief description of the research project
- A statement of interest in attending the conference, including its relevance to the applicant's research

**The application deadline is 7 July 2026.** Applications will be evaluated by an internal panel of the organizing committee, and results will be communicated by 15 July 2026.

The grant will be reimbursed after the conference upon submission of the registration invoice and a certificate of attendance to the SIMP secretary.

\*If you are not yet a SIMP member and wish to become one, follow the link <https://www.socminpet.it/336/iscriviti-alla-simp.html>