

Travel Funding Opportunity for a postgraduate Student – participation at ISAR-9 as part of Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW 2027)

Call for Master's and PhD Students

As part of the University of the Arctic-funded project *Building Capacity and Visibility in Circumpolar Health: Training, Engagement, and Forward-Looking Dialogue*, we are pleased to announce a call for applications for **travel funding of approximately €2,500** for a Master's or PhD student to participate in the **The Ninth International Symposium on Arctic Research scientific conference (ISAR-9)** held as part of **Arctic Science Summit Week (ASSW) 2027** in Hakodate, Hokkaido, Japan. ASSW2027 will be held from 11 to 20 April 2027. The funded student will participate in the ISAR-9, which takes place **from 16 to 20 April 2027**.

The **Call for Abstracts** for ISAR-9 is published early September 2026, and the deadline for abstract submissions is **16 October 2026**. The theme of ISAR-9 is "**Expanding and Connecting Arctic Research Diversity**." <https://www.assw.info/program/isar-9> . The selected student is expected to submit an abstract to ISAR-9 as either an oral or poster presentation.

During the visit, the selected student will present their research related to the topic of health and wellbeing in the Arctic, actively participate in the scientific programme of ISAR-9, and attend a collaboration meeting hosted by the project. If their abstract is not accepted, they will provide a small short news story in UArctic webpage about their attendance after the conference. The student will be accompanied and mentored by a senior researcher involved in the project Dr. Anna Reetta Rönkä <https://www oulu.fi/en/researchers/anna-reetta-ronka>

We welcome applications from students whose research focuses on various aspects of **Health and Wellbeing in the Arctic region**, and whose Master's thesis or doctoral research is related to this theme. Suitable conference sessions to apply will be identified once the ISAR-9 programme is finalized. We particularly encourage applications from Indigenous scholars and researchers working in partnership with Indigenous and local communities.

Application Instructions:

Please submit the following documents:

- A research abstract (maximum 250 words) describing the work you intend to present at the conference
- A one-page motivation letter
- A curriculum vitae (maximum 3 pages, free format)

The grant of up to €2,500 is intended to support travel, accommodation, conference registration, and other eligible expenses related to participation in ISAR-9.

Selection Criteria for the travel grant

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- scientific quality and relevance of the proposed abstract;
- relevance to Arctic Health and Wellbeing;
- motivation for participating in ISAR-9;
- potential benefit to the applicant's academic and professional development;

Submit your application by **18 September 2026** as a single PDF file to: **Anna Reetta Rönkä** [anna.r.ronka \(at\) oulu.fi](mailto:anna.r.ronka@oulu.fi) . The decision will be announced by **28 September 2026**.

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