



**Travel Bursary Support Announcement and Criteria – World Potato Congress – 13<sup>th</sup> event hosted by Kenya.**

The World Potato Congress Inc, (WPC) is a committed partner with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to help achieve the common goal of improving food security and nutrition for all; to find new and better ways to promote sustainable agriculture; and to achieve multiple Sustainable Development Goals.

The WPC Inc. looks to support these aims and **to provide a voice for development projects**. Grant support will be provided for a minimum of twenty delegates from **Asia, South America, and Africa** to attend the World Potato Congress in Naivasha, Kenya in October 2026. The WPC Inc. continues to approach potential funders who might support additional travel bursaries and as such, there is a potential for more than twenty.

This is the premier potato Congress with representatives from business, science, and development sectors. Full information can be found at the following website: <https://potatocongress.org/> . Funded applicants must agree to have their stories shared on the WPC Inc. website and other media channels and agree to interviews. Stories from past recipients can be found here: <https://potatocongress.org/around-the-globe/>

**The grant covers** the Congress registration fee (not including the gala dinner or post-Congress tours) and the following additional support is provided:

East African countries	CDN\$500.00 travel bursary plus 4 nights accommodation valued at CDN\$200.00
Rest of the World	CDN\$1000 travel bursary (supporting airfare) plus 4 nights accommodation valued at CDN\$200.00 total.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This bursary will be paid within 40 days <u>after the Congress</u>.</li> <li>• Written Submission (google form) is mandatory.</li> <li>• Optional to also compete in the Video submission competition with the written submission. Video competition winners will receive additional funding with guidelines found on our WPC website.</li> </ul>	

**Potential candidates must fulfil the following criteria:**

- Be part of the development sector or able to represent and articulate the development aspects of the project or initiative they are involved in- they must be a voice for the local community.
- Be actively engaged in a potato-based project that demonstrates aspects such as:
  - Food systems approach
  - Benefits of partnership (development, business, research) at work
  - Best practices
  - Impact on households and communities
- Be a key person / agent of change involved in the project/initiative.
- Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Be in an organization engaged in development, research, or an enterprise.
- Be in an organization that could not afford to attend WPC without support.
- Have a basic understanding of English as there is no simultaneous translation at the Congress.
- Be prepared to provide an A0 sized poster for display at WPC.
- Cover their transportation or flight and visa application costs to Naivasha, Kenya.
- All applications must be submitted by **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026** via this google form: <https://forms.gle/VMqaXz7LWhi37SLZA>
- Successful applicants will be notified by **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.