**UK Space Agency Early Career Professional Sponsorship for the 28th ELGRA Biennial Symposium**

Application form

The UK Space Agency is pleased to sponsor the attendance of up to 10 tertiary education students and/or Early Career Researchers (See eligibility below) to attend the 28th European Low Gravity Research Association (ELGRA) Biennial Conference and General Assembly (<https://www.elgra.org/elgra-2024-symposium/>). This sponsorship competition will be run and administered by ELGRA and will cover the early bird registration fees for the conference, which will be reimbursed via a single bank transfer after the event and will only be paid upon submission of receipt.

**To be eligible for an UK Space Agency Sponsorship, applicants must fulfil the following criteria at the time of application:**

* be minimum 18 years old at the time of the conference;
* be either a citizen of the United Kingdom and/or have a student or work related visa for studying/working in the UK.
* **Early Career Professional Eligibility**: defined as:
	+ Currently enrolled as a student (Bsc, Msc, or Ph.D.) in a tertiary education academic programme (not graduating before the Conference);
	+ Within 5 years of finishing a higher education (or apprenticeship) and started a related industry profession to the topics of the conference
* Not benefit from an overlapping financial support to attend this conference, unless duly justified;
* Agree with the conditions of the [UK Space Agency Privacy Policy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-space-agency-gdpr-privacy-notice)

**If you are interested in applying please complete this form and return to president@elgra.org by the 11th of July 2024. This form and details provided will be reviewed by ELGRA and the UK Space Agency**

Priority will be given to applicants who have an accepted contribution to present at the conference, but this is not exclusive and will be balanced with the motivational and return on investment statement.

The deadline for applications is the 11th July at 23:59 CEST.

The decision by the Selection Committee will be communicated by the week commencing 22nd July 2024.

The UK Space Agency and ELGRA are committed to achieving diversity and creating an inclusive environment. To this end, applications from all eligible candidates irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, beliefs, age, disability, social origin or other characteristics are welcome.

**Personal information**

**Please note:** To be eligible for an UK Space Agency Student Sponsorship, applicants must fulfil the following criteria listed above at the time of application. As stated above details provided in this form will be reviewed by both ELGRA and the UK Space Agency. By applying you acknowledge and consent this information will be reviewed and shared between these organisations and you agree with the conditions of the [UK Space Agency Privacy notice.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-space-agency-gdpr-privacy-notice)

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| First name(s) |  |
| Last name |  |
| Age (number only) |  |
| Gender (male/female/other) |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Are you a citizen of the United Kingdom (Yes/No) |  |
| If no, do you have a visa to study/work in the UK? |  |
| Highest achieved Level of Study to date (Bachelor, Master, PhD, other) |  |
| Field of study (Science, Engineering, Legal, Business, other:…) |  |
|  | *Please fill in* ***either*** *the Student or Early Career sections* |
| **Student Applications** |  |
| What level of degree are you currently studying? (i.e. Bachelor, Master, PhD, other) |  |
| What field is the degree?  |  |
| University Name |  |
| University Country |  |
| **Early Career Research Professional** |  |
| What is your current occupation? |  |
| Who is your employer? |  |
| What degree and/or training program did you undertake  |  |
| When did you graduate from this (Year) |  |
|  | *All applicants to fill in the below* |
| Have you ever been sponsored by the UK Space Agency Before? (Yes/No) | Yes / No – *Please delete as appropriate* |
| If your answer was yes to the question above, please provide details |  |
| Contact Email address |  |
| Are you a current member of ELGRA? *Please note this is not a criteria for this sponsorship call* | Yes / No – *Please delete as appropriate* |
| Do you accept the conditions listed in the [UK Space Agency Privacy Policy](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-space-agency-gdpr-privacy-notice) (Yes/No)  |  |
| Do you consent to ELGRA processing your application and sharing data with the UK Space Agency (Yes/No) |  |

**Conference Contribution**

The following section relates to those applicants who have submitted to present at the conference and been accepted to present. Please note that while it is not mandatory to have applied, priority will be given to applicants who have, balanced with the motivation statement.

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| What type of contribution are you presenting at the conference (oral presentation/poster) | Oral Presentation / Poster – *Please delete as appropriate* |
| What is the title of your contribution |  |
| Role (Author, co-author, other) |  |

**Sponsorship request:**

*The below information will be reviewed to assess motivation for attending the conference and the perceived benefits to yourself of both the conference and the sponsorship provision. Please note the word counts provided*

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| Motivation to attend the conference (what do you hope to get from the conference) (paragraph – Maximum 150 words) |  |
| Justification for UK Space Agency Support (What does this support provide you and what is the potential return) (paragraph – Maximum 150 words) |  |
| Do you benefit from an overlapping financial support to attend this conference? (Yes/No) | Yes / No – *Please delete as appropriate* |
| If you answered yes to the question directly above, please describe the other financial support |  |
| Do you agree with the with UK Space agency privacy policy (Yes/No)  | Yes / No – *Please delete as appropriate* |

**Additional Feedback**

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| If there is any information you wish to provide related to this application or its process that has not been covered above, this can be listed here. Please note this will not count towards the assessment (paragraph – Maximum 150 words) |  |