



(I) Partial Travel Support Scheme (PATSS), 2017-18

The Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE), has a scheme for providing partial travel assistance to deserving bright young Scientists and Research Scholars working in an academic or research institution located in Himachal Pradesh for participating in a National/ and International Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop held within India or abroad.

The scheme does not provide assistance towards **lodging, boarding, maintenance, registration fees, taxi fare and other costs.**

Eligibility Criteria:

1. He/ she should have passed at least M.Sc./B.E./ B.Tech/MBBS or equivalent degree from a recognised University/ Institute.
2. His/ her age should not be above 40 years on the date of commencement of the Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop.
3. His/ her paper should have been accepted for presentation. A copy of full paper along with an abstract, schedule of the conference etc and Acceptance letter from the organiser must be appended with the application.
4. Scientists and Research Scholars who have not received travel support under PATSS in the previous three years are eligible for consideration.
5. The Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop should be of an international character and repute. Applications to attend annual meetings of professional societies will not be considered.
6. Scientists and Research Scholars who have not published at least one paper in a refereed journal would not be considered.
7. Application along with all documents should be forwarded through proper channel from the Head of the Institution.
8. Applications complete in all respects should reach this office mandatorily one month before the event.
9. The Scientist/ Research scholar sanctioned travel grant under the scheme is required to provide one reprint of the research paper presented at the Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop invariably after its publication.
10. The applicants recommended by Committee/ Experts will be informed by email/ post (on the email Id provided by the candidate).
11. The word partial in the Partial Travel Support Scheme (**PATSS**)-2017-18 would mean up to a maximum of 60% of the total travel expenses. For international travel, support up to a maximum of Rs. 60,000/- (or 60%) while for in-country travel, a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- (or 60%) would be supported by the State Council.

Documents to be attached with the application:

Following documents are required to be attached with the application:

- One copy of completed application form and bio-data.
- Degree certificate (Eligibility)
- Date of birth certificate.
- A copy of letter from other national or international agency committing to bear partial cost of travel.
- Detailed letter of Invitation from organizers.
- Abstract of the paper to be presented by the applicant at the conference.
- A certificate from concerned airlines indicating cost of return air fare by economy class by shortest route.

Instructions:

- Please ensure that all the essential documents mentioned above are properly attached and tagged with the application. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**
- The HIMCOSTE, in the event of selection would initially issue a commitment letter agreeing to the support. The committed amount would be reimbursed to the scientist only on his/ her return to India after participation in the conference and on submitting a detailed report, a copy of air ticket etc. within two months from the date of the Conference/ Seminar/ Symposium/ Workshop.
- The decision on the application is expected to be communicated about one week before the commencement of the conference. No interim correspondence will be possible and entertained.
- The application complete in all respects together with enclosures as indicated at para 3 above, must reach the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment, Shimla at least one month prior to the commencement of the conference duly forwarded by the Head of the Institution.
- One copy of Application Proforma super scribed as **“APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL TRAVEL SUPPORT SCHEME (PATSS)”** along with all enclosures should be sent at the address given below:

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