

# 2022 General Assembly Travel Grants Program

*Glasgow, Scotland, 3-5 June 2022*



## **The General Assembly**

Humanists International can offer a limited number of grants to help Members and Associates in developing countries to send delegates to the 2022 General Assembly in Glasgow, Scotland, from 3 to 5 June, organized by the Humanist Society Scotland: [humanists.international/event/ga2022](https://humanists.international/event/ga2022)

## **About the grants**

The grants are financed by Humanists International and Humanist Society Scotland and are given to organizations, not to individuals.

Grants will cover up to 75% of the travel costs to Glasgow and the accommodation in Glasgow from 3-5 June 2022 (3 nights). The remaining share, and any other associated costs, will be met by the delegate or their organization.

Humanist Society Scotland has kindly agreed to offer complimentary tickets to all grant recipients to attend the International Conference on Saturday, dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday, and any other social events still to be confirmed.

## **Who can apply?**

Only Members or Associates of Humanists International can apply for the grants.

Grants will be awarded only to applicants from developing countries.<sup>1</sup> It is a requirement that neither the applicant nor the organization they represent can afford to cover the full cost of the travel and accommodation.

## **IMPORTANT: Visa requirement**

Please notice that a strict requirement for the payment of the grant is to have obtained a valid visa for United Kingdom: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>

Humanists International and Humanist Society of Scotland will support the visa application by sending an official invitation letter to all awarded delegates. However, awarded delegates (or their organizations) are responsible for the visa application process.

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<sup>1</sup> The list of developing countries in 2020 is available in the "United Nations' World Economic Situation and Prospects" (Table C, page 166): [hmnets.in/2020-UN-developing-countries](https://hmnets.in/2020-UN-developing-countries)

**NB: Prior to making any payment, Humanists International strictly needs to receive an official proof that the visa has been obtained by the awarded organization.**

### **IMPORTANT: Attendance requirement**

Delegates are expected to attend all events organized by Humanists International and Humanist Society Scotland from the 3 June to 5 June 2022:  
[humanists.international/event/ga2022/](https://humanists.international/event/ga2022/).

For this reason, please carefully plan your trip to the UK, booking your inbound flights before 3 June and your outbound flight after 5 June.

### **IMPORTANT: COVID-19 travel checks**

It is the responsibility of delegates to check all travel documents needed to access to Scotland, including any COVID-19 vaccination or test certificates:  
[gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/](https://gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/)

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## **Application procedures and timetable**

1. *Application period* (21 September - 7 November 2021)

All Members and Associates of Humanists International can apply for the travel grants on our Grants Portal: [hmnts.grantplatform.com](https://hmnts.grantplatform.com)

The deadline for all applications is **7 November 2021 at 12AM (GMT)**. Applications received after this date might be accepted by the Travel Grant Committee, at its sole discretion.

2. *Award, agreements, invitation letters* (22 November - 15 December 2021)

Humanists International will evaluate all applications equally and will announce the award of the grants **by 22 November**. At that point Humanists International sends to the awarded organizations an agreement to be signed by both parties. The awarded organizations have to read and sign the agreement **before 15 December**, sending it back to [grants@humanists.international](mailto:grants@humanists.international).

Once all agreements have been received, Humanists International and Humanist Society Scotland will send invitation letters to all grant recipients.

3. *Visa application* (by 31 March 2022)

The awarded organization has to apply for a visa as soon as possible, given that the visa procedures are usually long and complicated. In the past years some awardees could

not actually use the grant because of a visa rejection. All information about how to obtain a visa for the United Kingdom can be found on the website of the UK government: [gov.uk/check-uk-visa](https://gov.uk/check-uk-visa)

Once obtained a visa to the UK, grants recipients have to send a proof of the visa to Humanists International. Only after that, Humanists International will release the full grant to the bank account indicated in the application form.

Once received the funds, the delegates should swiftly book their flight and accommodation.

#### 4. *Attendance* (3-5 June 2022)

As already underlined above, the person awarded with the grant is expected to attend all events organized by Humanists International and Humanist Society Scotland from 3-5 June 2022. After the event, Humanists International will contact this person for feedback on their experience.

### **Suggested accommodations**

The venue where we will hold both the Conference and the General Assembly is:

Sir Charles Wilson Building  
University of Glasgow  
G12 8QQ  
United Kingdom

[Click here to find out how to get to the venue](#)

Humanist Society Scotland has set up a Portal to help delegates find a suitable accommodation near the venue: [hmnts.in/Glasgow-Accommodation](https://hmnts.in/Glasgow-Accommodation)