



## URSI Young Scientists Awards

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A limited number of awards are available to assist young scientists from both developed and developing countries to attend the XXXVIth URSI General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (URSI GASS 2026) in Krakow, Poland, 15 – 22 August 2026.

#### Eligibility

To qualify for an award, the applicant must:

1. be less than 35 years old on September 1, 2026;
2. have a paper, of which he or she is the principal author, submitted and accepted for oral or poster presentation at a regular session of the URSI GASS.
3. have a full paper, submitted to Radio Science Letters

Applicants should also be interested in promoting contacts between developed and developing countries. Applicants from all over the world are welcome, including from regions that do not (yet) belong to URSI. All successful applicants are expected to fully participate in the scientific activities of the URSI GASS. They will receive free registration and financial support for board and lodging at the URSI GASS. Limited funds will also be available as a contribution to the travel costs of young scientists from developing countries.

#### Material to be submitted:

**All Young Scientist applicants** are required to submit the following material through the symposium paper submission website by 25 January 2025:

- a Summary Paper on the work to be presented in the appropriate session. This Summary Paper will be used to determine the acceptance for presentation at the symposium.
- a CV
- a list of publications

**If the applicant is SELECTED for a Young Scientist Award**, the applicant also needs to submit:

- A Full Paper, prepared as submission to the Radio Science Letters on the same work as the Summary Paper

#### Selection process:

Applications will be assessed by the URSI Young Scientist Committee, taking account of the national ranking of the application and the technical evaluation of the Summary Paper by the relevant URSI Commission.

Awardees will be announced **early April 2026** on the URSI website at which point the awardees will be required to submit the Full Paper for Radio Science Letters.

Failure to submit a Full Paper to Radio Science Letters will automatically result in withdrawal of the award.

Failure to present the selected paper in-person by the applicant at the symposium will automatically result in withdrawal of the award.



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### Publication of submitted material:

If the applicant is **AWARDED** with a Young Scientist Award and if the PAPER IS PRESENTED IN-PERSON (oral session or poster presentation) by the applicant at the symposium:

- the Summary Paper will be included in the symposium proceedings
- the Summary Paper will be submitted to IEEE Xplore unless the author opts out.
- The full paper using the available template for Radio Science Letters will undergo at least two independent reviews that would be transferred to the Editor-in-Chief of the Radio Science Letters, thus avoiding additional reviews and delays.

If the paper is accepted for publication in Radio Science Letters with no or minor revisions:

- page charges for publication in Radio Science Letters will be waived.
- The summary paper in the proceedings of the symposium will be replaced by a link to the full paper published in Radio Science Letters
- The full paper will NOT be submitted to IEEE Xplore

If the applicant is **NOT AWARDED** with a Young Scientist Award, but the paper was presented in-person at the symposium:

- the Summary Paper will be included in the symposium proceedings
- the Summary Paper will be submitted to IEEE Xplore unless the author opts out.
- The applicant can still opt to submit a full paper using the available template for Radio Science Letters in which case the paper will follow the standard procedure of review for Radio Science Letters and the reduced page charges, applicable for any paper presented at an URSI Flagship Meeting will be applied.

### Submission process

The application needs to be done electronically by going to the same website used for the submission of abstracts/papers (will be available November 2025). After entering the submission details, authors will be asked if they want to apply for the Young Scientist Award. Please check the box 'yes' and complete the additional questions. Submissions must use the following file naming convention, where "Lastnameauthor" text is replaced by the student's surname and "Firstnameauthor" text is replaced by the student's first name.:

- YSASummaryLastnameauthorFirstnameauthor.pdf
- YSACVLastnameauthorFirstnameauthor.pdf
- YSAPubListLastnameauthorFirstnameauthor.pdf

The deadline for paper submission is **25 January 2026**.

For more information about URSI, the GASS, and the activities of URSI Commissions, please look at the URSI Web site at: <http://www.ursi.org/> and the GASS 2026 Web site at <https://www.ursi-gass2026.pl> . We will also post updates on our Twitter account [@URSI\\_Radio](https://twitter.com/URSI_Radio) and on our Facebook page [@internationalunionofradioscience](https://www.facebook.com/internationalunionofradioscience).

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