

2025 GeoHab's Ron McDowell Student Support Award

Each year, students are supported by GeoHab to attend its conference. This support is in the form of a small stipend to cover travel costs and conference registration fees. Each recipient will have to give an oral presentation as a first author at the conference.

While these scholarships are open to any student registered at the time of the application, priority will be given to full-time students and to students who are attending academic/research institutions from the region of the previous conference (GeoHab 2024 was held in Norway). Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The objective of GeoHab's student support is to expose students interested in marine geological and biological habitat mapping and marine benthic habitat characterization to the community of seafloor mappers and other scientists actively investigating seafloor morphology and substrate associated with ecosystems. Those applying for this support are encouraged to become active members of the GeoHab community and to support the organization in the future.

To apply, a student should be actively enrolled as a final-year undergraduate or a graduate student studying for a Masters or PhD degree. An abstract of the talk to be presented at the conference needs to be included (note: the student must be the first author of the abstract) in the application, as well as a short CV (2 pages max), a short text (1 page max) outlining why you want to attend the conference and what you hope to gain from your attendance, and a letter of support from an advisor/supervisor. Although it won't necessarily impact the evaluation by the committee, we encourage the advisor to indicate whether attendance of the student to the conference would still be possible if the award is not received.

Instructions to applicants: Please follow the instructions detailed on <https://geohab.org/student-awards/>. You will need to include a cost estimate of your airfare as determined by the availability of low-cost economy fares and ground transportation to the conference venue (Key West, Florida, United States), for the specific GeoHab week considering the participation in the first day of the conference and in the field trip (*i.e.*, from Sunday, May 11th to Saturday, May 17th).

Please submit your application and abstract via e-mail to GeoHab2025@GeoHab.org before **January 17th, 2025**. Your application will be reviewed by the GeoHab Student Award Committee (<https://geohab.org/2025-committees>) and evaluated on the quality of your abstract, your statement of interest, the letter of support, and the cost of travel.