



# International Geographical Union – Commission of Geographical Education

Stellenbosch Conference  
28<sup>th</sup> Oct to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025



NPO: 2017/035104/08

14th April 2025

## Call for Applications:

### IGU-CGE Conference Sponsorship Opportunity

We are pleased to announce a **sponsorship** opportunity provided by the Commission of Geography Education, International Geographical Union, for **two teachers** and **three early-career researchers/PhD students** to attend our upcoming conference. This sponsorship will cover the conference fees, providing a valuable professional development and networking opportunity. However, successful applicants must sort out their travel and accommodation costs.

#### Eligibility and Application Process

##### Eligible Candidates:

- Teachers currently reading towards a Postgraduate (PG) degree in Geography Education and who are strongly interested in the conference themes. Proof of PG student registration will be required.
- Early-career researchers or PhD students whose research aligns with the conference topics and intend to present an oral presentation of their work (research-orientated, good practice examples, or practice-orientated). Please submit an abstract online before the 2nd of May 2025. Use this link: <https://igu-cge-stellenbosch.co.za/>
- All applicants must be from the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

##### Application Requirements:

To apply for this sponsorship, please submit the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae (CV): A concise, 2-page updated CV highlighting your relevant experience and qualifications.
2. Motivation Letter: A one-page letter explaining why attending the conference is essential to you and how it aligns with your professional or academic goals. Please also outline why you believe you qualify for this sponsorship.
3. Submit an abstract of their oral paper to the conference website before the 2nd of May 2025.

##### Local Organising Committee:

Prof. Clinton van der Merwe (UP); Prof. Di Wilmot (RU); Dr Paul Goldschagg (WSoE); Prof. Mary Evans (Wits); Prof. Sadhana Manik (UKZN);

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## How to Apply

Applications should be emailed to Prof. Clinton van der Merwe ([clinton.vandermerwe@up.ac.za](mailto:clinton.vandermerwe@up.ac.za)). The subject line should state: "IGU-CGE Conference Sponsorship Application." All applications must be received by the 10th of May 2025. Successful applicants will be notified by the 17th of May 2025.

## Selection Criteria

The selection committee will review applications based on relevance to the conference themes, potential for professional growth, and the quality of the motivation letter.

We look forward to receiving your applications and supporting your participation in this exciting event!

### Contact Information:

- Email: [clinton.vandermerwe@up.ac.za](mailto:clinton.vandermerwe@up.ac.za)
- Website: <https://igu-cge-stellenbosch.co.za/>

**Deadline for Applications: 16h00 (SAST) on the 10th of May 2025.**

### Conference Details:

- Date: Tuesday, 28th of October to Thursday, 31st of October 2025
- Location: STIAS – Stellenbosch, Western Cape, South Africa ([-33.9346853388758](tel:+339346853388758), [18.873487125132353](tel:+18873487125132353))
- Theme: Geographical Learning Today for Tomorrow

We hope to see you at the conference!

Yours in Geography Education

Prof. Clinton David van der Merwe

On behalf of the LOC

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