



## Weld Fund of IIW

Donations made to the Weld Fund of IIW can make a significant impact for Grant recipients. They not only support the activities mentioned, but also provide unique opportunities for the donors, including:

- working together cooperatively with other IIW members and key individuals,
- the possibility of cooperation internationally with other related organisations, and
- international recognition of your contributions within and by the IIW.

Grant applications are thoroughly reviewed by the Weld Fund of IIW Committee, with recommendations forwarded to the IIW Board of Directors for their consideration and approval.

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## IIW Young Professional and Student Grant

The purpose of an IIW Young Professional and Student Grant is to assist Young Professionals and Students in participating in an IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference, an Intermediate Meeting of an IIW Technical Commission, or an Intermediate Meeting of the IIW International Authorization Board.

The IIW Young Professional and Student Grant assists

- Young Professionals who are
  - students of engineering sciences pursuing a Ph.D. or similar degree in a field related to welding or joining technologies
  - scientists or researchers (e.g., university assistants, doctoral candidates)
  - employees with a university degree related to welding or joining technologies working in organisations involved with welding or joining technologies, with limited time in the profession.
- Students who are pursuing a career in welding or joining technologies and
  - pursuing their Bachelor's degree or Master's degree, or similar degree below the Ph.D., or
  - pursuing a certification or qualification in welding or joining technologies.

For the term of January -June 2026, this Grant has been designated to support Young Professional and Student attendance at the 79<sup>th</sup> IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference, July 12-17, 2026, in Salzburg, Austria. The Grants will fund airfare and the applicable registration fee. Applications will be reviewed and will favor those individuals from countries with lower GDP/PPP (Gross Domestic Product / Purchasing Power Parity (per capita), and those who have solicited additional support for their participation in IIW from their educational institution or their employer, or both, and are limited to those from outside Europe.

### Eligible Young Professionals and Students

Eligible Young Professionals must satisfy the membership criteria for IIW Young Professionals, as defined in the current Terms of Reference for Working Group – Young Professionals (WG-YP), and must be 35 years of age or under at the time of participation at the IIW event.

For Students, there is no age restriction.

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# IIW Welding Workforce Grant

The purpose of the IIW Welding Workforce Grant is to expand and improve welding education and training programs, increasing the number of skilled and knowledgeable welders to meet the increased needs and demands of industry and infrastructure. Growth in the manufacturing industries requires both qualified welders and the implementation of technology to assist in the welding process. In addition, many experienced welders are reaching retirement, and there is a relative lack of younger people entering the profession, particularly in more developed nations. The shortage of skilled welding personnel is well-documented and worldwide.

The Grant is to provide equipment, educational materials, and/or funding support for new and existing Welding Personnel Training Facilities. Grant funds can be requested and used for:

- Welding or metalworking equipment,
- Upgrades to existing equipment,
- Filler metals and other welding consumables,
- Virtual/augmented reality welding training equipment,
- Personal protective equipment
- Welding facility improvements,
- Textbooks and other teaching materials related to welding, and
- Classroom or laboratory materials and/or supplies.

In-kind donations of such materials are welcomed.

Grant funds cannot be requested or used for:

- Any program or subject matter not related to welding education or welding training,
- Travel expenses for students or staff,
- Personnel expenses for teaching staff,
- Student tuition or scholarships,
- Indirect costs, or
- Capital equipment such as vehicles, furniture, forklifts, etc.

## Eligible Organizations

Eligible organisations are those providing training, trade, or technical programs related to welding education and/or training, including:

- Upper-level (secondary) schools (generally, serving students ages 15 through 18),
- Post-secondary schools (generally, those serving students 16 or older),
- Other public or private institutions providing welding training and education, and
- IIW Authorized Nominated Bodies (ANBs) and Authorized Training Bodies (ATBs).

The organization must have:

- Facility space available to house equipment, supplies, and conduct training, and
  - Personnel skilled and qualified to provide instruction and training.
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# IIW Special Initiative Grant

The purpose of an IIW Special Initiative Grant is to provide needed financial support for organisations, activities, and needs outside the ordinary operating budget of the International Institute of Welding.

Ordinary operating activities are those included in the IIW's typical Annual Budget, approved by the General Assembly. IIW Special Initiatives Grants are for activities not addressed in other Weld Fund of IIW Grant programs, currently including the IIW Welding Workforce Grant and the IIW Young Professional and Student Grant.

A Special Initiative Grant may be proposed by IIW Member Societies, other welding and joining-related organisations whether non-profit or for-profit, administrative working groups within the IIW, and by individuals.

Examples of Special Initiative Grants include, but are not limited to:

- Financial support for one or more IIW Member Societies
- Special IIW publications
- Special IIW events or activities
- Financial support for non-budgeted administrative needs of IIW

All Special Initiative Grant proposals must be approved by the IIW Board of Directors prior to initiation and acceptance of donations or contributions to support the Special Initiative.

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# Weld Fund of IIW

## Pledge Form

### IIW Young Professional and Student Grant

**I/We want to help Young Professionals and Students attend the IIW Annual Assembly and International Conference, or attend Intermediate Meetings of the Technical Commissions or IAB**

☐ I/We pledge € \_\_\_\_\_ to support Young Professional and Student Grants

☐ I/We plan to fulfill this pledge by the following date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Year / Month / Day)

Will this donation be from you personally or from your company or organisation?

☐ Personal

☐ Company / Organisation

☐ I/We give IIW permission to state my name and affiliation (organization or company) publicly in recognition as a donor

☐ I/We wish to remain an anonymous donor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

IIW Member Society \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for furthering the objectives of the IIW by pledging to support the Welding Charity Fund of IIW and its Young Professional and Student Grant.**



# Weld Fund of IIW

## Pledge Form

### IIW Welding Workforce Grant

**I/We want to help expand and improve the training of people needed in welding and joining industries, building careers using skills and technology.**

- ☐ I/We pledge € \_\_\_\_\_ to support the IIW Welding Workforce Grant
- ☐ I/We plan to fulfill this pledge by the following date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Year / Month / Day)

Will this donation be from you personally or from your company or organisation?

- ☐ Personal
- ☐ Company / Organisation

- ☐ I/We give IIW permission to state my name and affiliation (organisation or company) publicly in recognition as a donor
- ☐ I/We wish to remain an anonymous donor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

IIW Member Society \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for furthering the objectives of the IIW by pledging to support the Welding Charity Fund of IIW and its Welding Workforce Grant.**



# Weld Fund of IIW

## Pledge Form

### IIW Special Initiative Grant

**I/We want to help support the work of the IIW through a special initiative, and have indicated what type of initiative(s) I/we wish to support below.**

- ☐ Financial support for one or more IIW Member Societies (you may designate the Member Society or Societies)
- ☐ Special IIW publications (you may designate the publication)
- ☐ Special IIW events or activities (you may designate the event or activity)
- ☐ Financial support for non-budgeted administrative needs of IIW
- ☐ Something else (please write a brief description of your idea)

My/Our Idea: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ I/We pledge € \_\_\_\_\_ to support the IIW Welding Workforce Grant
- ☐ I/We plan to fulfill this pledge by the following date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Year / Month / Day)

Will this donation be from you personally or from your company or organisation?

- ☐ Personal
- ☐ Company / Organisation

- ☐ I/We give IIW permission to state my name and affiliation (organisation or company) publicly in recognition as a donor
- ☐ I/We wish to remain an anonymous donor.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

IIW Member Society \_\_\_\_\_

email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for furthering the objectives of the IIW by pledging to support the Welding Charity Fund of IIW and its Special Initiative Grant.**