

Conference fee waivers

A number of full and 50% conference fee waivers are available to facilitate attendance to the 2024 ESSE conference in Lausanne for ESSE members who may not have the financial means to do so.

Fee waivers will cover only the basic registration fee for the conference, not the social activities or conference soirée.

Applications must be submitted to esse2024@unil.ch by 30 April 2024.

Eligibility will be limited to ESSE members

- who are doctoral students or have finished their PhD thesis after 1 January 2015 (a statement in English from the supervisor is sufficient), or
- who are from low-income countries (regardless of academic or actual age),
- who are retired professors (with priority given to seminar convenors).

Scholars at risk do not need to be ESSE members to apply for a conference fee waiver but must be presenters.

Selection criteria:

- Strength of application package

Preference will be given to early career scholars and scholars at risk, participants who have no funding, are unemployed or receive low income, as well as participants who have not previously received a fee waiver for an ESSE event.

The assessment of applications for fee waivers shall not be based on age, gender, race, colour, religion, place of birth or ethnic origin, or disability.

The information provided in the applications shall be held confidential.

Application documents:

- CV of applicant
- Motivation letter that provides the following information:
 - a) why they are applying for the fee waiver, i.e. reason for financial hardship,
 - b) the university affiliation and the postal address of the university,
 - c) presentation details of the doctoral symposium and/or conference,
 - d) whether or not they have previously received a fee waiver
 - e) statement: "I hereby certify that I have not received and will not receive any refund for the expenses stated above from any other funding sources."
- Letter of support from the session convenor of the Doctoral Symposium seminar, the conference seminar and/or roundtable
- For PhD candidates: statement from the supervisor (including statement of lack of financial support or means)

Selection committee:

Two members from the organising committee and an ESSE Board member. All three members are also part of the Academic Programme Committee.