



World Transplant Games 2027 Travelling Scholarship Award

The Society of Sports Therapists, in association with Transplant Sport, is delighted to announce the **2027 World Transplant Games Travelling Scholarship Award**. Up to **two Members** of the Society (one Full Member and one Student Member) will travel to **Leuven, Belgium**, joining the highly experienced Transplant Sport Therapy Team in supporting the **GB squad** at the World Transplant Games, **1–8 August 2027**.

What this opportunity offers

Successful applicants will have the chance to:

- Deepen their understanding of Transplant Sport
- Gain hands-on experience within an international multi-sport environment
- Advance their professional practice through continued professional development
- Contribute to the wider aims of the Games: celebrating a second chance of life, showcasing the success of transplant surgery, and promoting public awareness of organ and tissue donation

Required attendance

Applicants must be available for:

- **Team training meetings** (three meetings between **October 2026 and June 2027**, typically held in the Midlands; dates TBC)
- **The British Transplant Games - 29 July – 1 August 2027**
- **The World Transplant Games, Leuven, Belgium – 1–8 August 2027**

The Person

The judging panel is seeking **one SST Student Member** and **one SST Graduate**

Member who are:

- Collaborative team players and genuinely enthusiastic about Sports Therapy
- Keen to learn about Transplant Sport
- Confident working within an international multi-sport environment

Experience treating transplant athletes is helpful but **not essential**. Experience in a sporting environment is **advantageous**

The Role

At the Games, you will:

- Provide therapy assessment, treatment and advice for injuries sustained during training or competition (pitch-side and clinic-based)
- Deliver sports massage to support recovery, reduce injury risk and manage minor strains
- Work collaboratively with other Therapy volunteers to ensure coordinated service provision
- Advise athletes on reducing the risk of injury and treatment in the lead-up to the Games
- Be professionally accountable to the Lead Therapists
- Travel to and reside with the Therapy Team in Leuven and be available throughout the Games. You will travel directly from the British Transplant Games to Leuven, arriving in time for the opening ceremony

What the award includes:

- Return flights from the UK to Leuven
- Travel insurance for the duration of the visit
- Food and accommodation during the Games
- Team uniform (tracksuit and t-shirts)
- Overnight accommodation for the British Transplant Games, if requested in advance

Eligibility: The award is open **only** to current Graduate and Student Members of The SST at both the time of application and the date the award is made.

Commitment Before, During and After the Games

- Attend all pre-Games Team meetings (three meetings, October 2026–July 2027)
- Travel and reside with the Therapy Team for the duration of the Games
- Support fundraising efforts for Therapists who are self-funding

Applications

Applicants must complete the application form and submit a **short video (maximum 4 minutes)** introducing themselves, outlining their motivation for attending the Games, and explaining how they believe the opportunity will benefit both The SST and Transplant Sport.

Videos should be emailed to comms@thesst.org once the application form is complete.

Deadline for submission: 1 September 2026

All applications will be reviewed by a joint panel from The SST and the Transplant Sport Therapy Team. A shortlist will then be invited to interview.

- **Finalists notified:** By 10 September 2026
- **Interviews:** 17 September 2026 Online
- **Award winners notified:** 18 September 2026

- **Winners announced** across all SST media channels: week commencing 21 September

Important Notes

- Administrative and organisational support will be provided by The SST
- Officers and Directors of The SST are **not eligible** to apply
- Successful applicants must be willing to be interviewed by The SST before and after the trip for website and media use. Information may also be shared with Transplant Sport as required
- Applicants must hold a valid passport (or be able to obtain one) with at least six months' validity after travel and no restrictions preventing entry into Belgium
- Applicants must comply with any travel guidelines in place in the UK and Belgium at the time of travel
- Applications will not be considered if any of the above procedures are not followed
- The SST reserves the right to withdraw the award and request reimbursement of funds if the trip does not proceed or arrangements cannot be finalised as stated

Data Protection: Any personal data provided will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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