

## **Global Elbow Network Annual Conference 2026**

### **GEN Lisbon 2026 Scholarship Application**

Applications are now open for the **GEN Lisbon 2026 Scholarships**, supporting global participation in the Annual Worldwide Conference. Scholarship recipients represent the Global Elbow Network and play an important role in fostering global collaboration, equity, and professional development. The information below outlines the scholarship award, eligibility, expectations, and application requirements. If you have questions, please email [scholarships@globalelbow.net](mailto:scholarships@globalelbow.net)

#### **Scholarship Award**

Each selected recipient will receive a **\$1,800 USD travel scholarship**. These funds may be used **exclusively** for:

- Round-trip airfare from the recipient's airport to Lisbon, Portugal
- Hotel accommodation during the GEN Lisbon 2026 conference only at Lisbon Marriott
  - Standard room rate: **€184 per night** at the Lisbon Marriott Hotel
- Local transportation to/from airports & visa fees
- Conference Registration will be included for free for selected recipients, in addition to the \$1800 travel allowance

Funds may **not** be used for any non-conference-related expenses.

#### **Disbursement of Funds**

Scholarship funds will be transferred **only after** the following items are submitted and verified:

- Proof of **secured visa**, if applicable
- All required **signed scholarship documents**, including acceptance and policy acknowledgments

Once these materials are received and approved, GEN will release the scholarship funds directly to the recipient. If funds cannot be transferred, GEN will assist with bookings.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must:

- Be an **Active (Surgeon) Member** of GEN
- Reside in a **Low or Lower-Middle Income Country** based on the World Bank Classification
- Be **current with GEN membership dues for 2026** (GEN will verify membership status before final confirmation)
- Not have received a GEN Scholarship for the **2025 Miami Conference** (next eligible year: 2028)
- Submit the application on the portal, to be found on Gen-Conference.net by **Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 5:00 PM Central Time**:
  - CV (PDF)
  - One required Letter of Support
  - A brief personal statement addressing your current interest in elbow surgery, goals/desires of attending the meeting, plan of incorporating knowledge gained, and future interest in elbow surgery.

#### **Travel & Visa Responsibilities**

Recipients are responsible for:

- Securing all necessary travel documents, including visas
- Completing visa applications promptly after being selected
- Communicating any visa delays or issues to GEN staff

GEN will provide supporting documentation (invitation letter, confirmation of scholarship) as needed.

### **Required Participation at GEN Lisbon 2026**

Scholarship recipients are expected to:

- Attend the **full conference**, including all scientific sessions
- Engage actively with faculty, peers, and GEN leadership
- Attend any **scholarship-specific programming** (if scheduled)

Recipients serve as ambassadors for their regions and are encouraged to contribute to discussions and networking.

### **Recipient Agreement**

All scholarship recipients must sign a formal agreement confirming:

- Acceptance of the scholarship and its terms
- Commitment to attend the full GEN Lisbon 2026 Conference
- Appropriate and professional conduct throughout the event
- Understanding the use of scholarship funds
- If a recipient is unable to attend the conference for any reason, they must notify GEN immediately and return all disbursed funds within 10 business days of cancellation.
- If a recipient accepts the scholarship but does not attend the conference without notifying GEN in advance, they will be required to return all disbursed funds in full within 10 days of the conference and may be deemed ineligible for future GEN scholarships or programs.

This agreement ensures transparency, accountability, and responsible use of GEN resources.

### **Post-Conference Contribution**

To support GEN's mission of global knowledge sharing, recipients must complete a post-conference contribution within **90 days** after the event.

Within 3 months of the conference, provide either:

- Evidence of elbow-related scholarly contribution (e.g., publication or presentation at a local or regional conference), **or**
- Involvement in organizing elbow-related teaching activities, such as a course, webinar, or academic meeting at the local level.
- **Scholarship Review Committee**
- The Scholarship Review Committee is composed of GEN leadership and appointed members representing diverse regions. The committee also includes **past scholarship recipients**, ensuring that the review process reflects lived experience, fairness, and global representation.

### **Communication Expectations**

Recipients must:

- Respond promptly to GEN communications
- Notify GEN immediately of any changes to travel plans
- Maintain an active email address and check it regularly leading up to the conference

Clear communication ensures smooth coordination for all scholarship logistics.



### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I need a passport to apply?** You may apply without a passport, but you must obtain one promptly if selected.

**What if my visa is delayed?** Notify GEN immediately. GEN will provide supporting documents, but visa approval is the responsibility of the recipient.

**What if airfare and hotel expense exceeds \$1,800?** Recipients are responsible for covering any additional cost beyond the scholarship amount.

**Can I apply if I received a previous GEN scholarship?** Past recipients of the **2025 Miami Scholarship** are not eligible again until **2028**.

### **Application Timeline**

- **Applications Due:** April 9, 2026
- **Notification of Award:** April 31, 2026