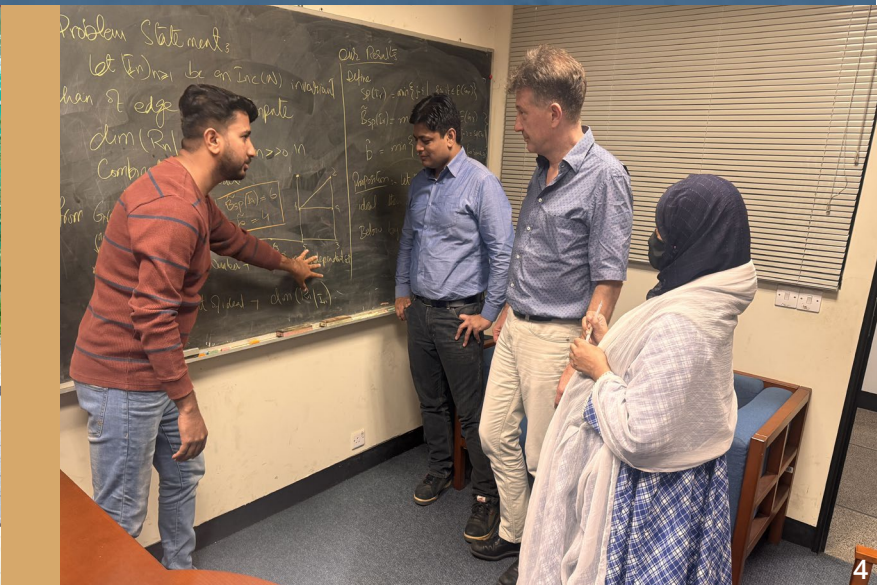




# Commission for Developing Countries



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- ➔ Supporting development in mathematics research and education in developing and less affluent countries
- ➔ Administering various grant programs for mathematicians
- ➔ Fostering local initiatives, educational, and local capacity building programs

## CDC KEY PROGRAMS:

### Conference Support Program

- ➔ Partial support for conferences held in developing countries

### Individual Research Travel Programs

Research travel support for mathematicians based in developing countries (minimum stay of four weeks)

- ➔ *IMU Simons Research Fellowship Program for Developing Countries*
- ➔ *Abel Visiting Scholar Program for Graduate Students*

### Volunteer Lecturer Program

This program promotes research and international collaboration by financially supporting universities in developing countries to host volunteer mathematicians who deliver short intensive courses in specialized areas beyond local expertise.

### Graduate Programs

The CDC offers two scholarship schemes to support graduate studies in developing countries that lead to a Master or PhD degree in the mathematical sciences.

- ➔ *Graduate Research Assistantships in Developing Countries (GRAID) Program*  
This program supports PhD and Master students working as research assistants in emerging research groups that include local and international experts in a developing country listed in Priority 1 or 2 of the IMU CDC Definition of Developing Countries
- ➔ *IMU Breakout Graduate Fellowship Program*  
This program supports postgraduate studies, in a developing country, leading to a PhD degree in the mathematical sciences. The program is funded through generous donations by several winners of the Breakthrough Prizes in Mathematics.

## OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### ICM Travel Grants

Since 2006, the International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) Travel Grant Program has supported mathematicians from developing countries in attending the world's premier mathematics conference. The program helps researchers engage with the international mathematical community, build professional networks, and participate in the latest developments in mathematics.

Since the ICM 2014 the ICM Travel Grant Program has been generously funded by the host of the respective ICM in collaboration with the IMU CDC. Prior to this, the program was funded by various mathematical societies.

For ICM 2026 in Philadelphia, a total of 688 travel grants were awarded.

### CDC Webinar

Started in 2023, the CDC webinars connect mathematicians worldwide who share an interest in CDC's mission and work. These sessions serve as a platform to share information about CDC programs and activities, providing participants with insights into how they can engage with and benefit from CDC support.

## SUPPORT

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