

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR INVITED SYMPOSIA SPEAKERS AND AUTHORS OF ACCEPTED ABSTRACTS

Deadline for applying is Tuesday 26 June, 2018

Who is eligible to apply:

The Union is pleased to cover a limited number of conference registration fees and/or transportation costs and/or hotel accommodation to the 49th Union World Conference on Lung Health. Invited presenters of oral abstracts, symposia presentations and poster presentations who would be unable to attend the conference without financial assistance are eligible to apply. Individuals from low- and middle-income countries, as well as those who can demonstrate partial funding for attendance, will be given priority. The number of grants awarded will vary annually, depending upon the amount of funding available.

Who will review the applications:

The applications will be reviewed by members of The Union Coordinating Committee on Scientific Activities (CCSA) and one member of the Bureau or Executive Management Team. In addition to the support offered by The Union, we will seek external grants and donations for additional travel grants and conference registrations. The additional support made available through funding provided by donors will be allocated to applicants who meet their specific requirements regarding country of work, profession, etc.

Minimum eligibility criteria:

- Invited to present an abstract or symposium at The Hague conference.
- Currently working or volunteering for a programme or research project in lung health

Application process:

By the stated deadline, applicants must complete the application, submit a motivation letter, and provide two letters of support, as outlined below:

1. One-page letter of motivation including the following points (please note that CVs will not be accepted or reviewed):
 - Your current activities in lung health
 - Your contribution to the Guadalajara conference
 - Your plans for disseminating the knowledge you gain at the conference upon your return home
2. Two letters of support, one from a peer and one from a supervisor or supporting institution (e.g., academic department, NGO, government, association, umbrella organization).

Applications are open from Friday 8 June until 26 June.

Responsibilities of travel grant recipients:

All recipients will be responsible for the following:

- Communicate with Union travel services to coordinate travel arrangements in case transportation cost is covered.
- Contact the home country's embassy about travel requirements to the conference host country and make arrangements necessary for securing my visa.
- Ensure I have a valid passport, which includes validity for at least six months after the return travel date and adequate number of pages for entering the country where the conference will be held.
- Meet with The Union Communications team for an interview about the topic of your presentation.

Should any of these requirements not be fulfilled, the award may be revoked and repayable to The Union, and future applications for grants will not be considered.