

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Union Conference**  
The Union-North America Region  
February 28 – March 3, 2018  
Chicago, IL, USA

## **TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION**

**Deadline for Submission: October 5, 2017**

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of The Union – North America Region without financial assistance. Those who have received travel grants in the past are eligible to apply, but first-time recipients will be given priority. Membership to The Union is strongly encouraged. Applicants who receive a travel grant will be given free one-year membership to The Union.

### **Eligibility**

**A. If you reside and work in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central or South America, and:**

- Are unlikely to be able to attend the conference without the grant
- Provide a letter signed by your supervisor or the principal investigator (if applicable) explaining:
  - The benefits of attending the conference, for your public health program and/or your research study.
  - Justification for the funding request, including documentation of other funding which may help support your attendance.

This letter is MANDATORY, and no travel grants will be awarded to applicants without this letter.

- **For applicants who reside and work in the United States or Canada, you must also submit an abstract.**

NOTE: Due to funding constraints, we are unable to fund travel for applicants from other world regions.

## Travel Grant Scoring Criteria

### A. Applicants from Outside the United States and Canada

Note that abstracts are NOT required from applicants from high-incidence settings outside the U.S. and Canada.

Criteria	Points
○ Work in public health program or research project relevant to TB control	0-6 points
○ Demonstration of need	0-6 points
○ Description of activities	0-3 points
○ How attendance will advance work	<u>0-5 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-20 points</b>
○ New attendee	2 points (additional)

### B. Within the United States and Canada

Note that funding for U.S. and Canadian residents is extremely limited and will be restricted to top-ranked abstracts with clear justification of financial need and complementary funding sources.

Criteria	Points
○ Work in public health program or research project relevant to TB control	0-2 points
○ Demonstration of need	0-4 points
○ Description of activities	0-2 points
○ How attendance will advance work	0-2 points
○ Quality of submitted abstract, as evaluated by the abstract committee (0.5 x abstract score)	<u>0-10 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-20 points</b>
○ New attendee	2 points (additional)

### Application

- Online submission (preferred method) <https://form.jotform.ca/71245205166248>
- Or submit by e-mail to [tbconference@bc.lung.ca](mailto:tbconference@bc.lung.ca)
- **Deadline for submission is October 5, 2017.**

### Notification

Applicants will be notified via mail or e-mail by **November 1, 2017**.