



TRAVEL GRANT & MENTOR PROGRAM INFORMATION

Deadline for Submission: October 5, 2021

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 26th Annual Conference of the Union – North American Region without financial assistance. It is highly recommended that you seek additional sources of funding. **All junior conference attendees (those with < 5 years experience) can choose to be matched with a senior mentor who will meet with you prior to or during the conference to offer professional guidance. Membership to The Union-NAR is mandatory for participation in the mentoring program. Please contact Menn Biagtan at biagtan@bc.lung.ca for more information.** Travel grant recipients will be given first priority for participation in this program. Those who have received travel grants in the past are eligible to apply, but first-time recipients may be given priority. Membership in NAR is also strongly encouraged (please contact Menn Biagtan at biagtan@bc.lung.ca if you require a fee waiver to join).

Eligibility

If you reside and work in Canada, the Caribbean, Central, South America, or the United States, you may be eligible if you:

- 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. Outside the United States and Canada

Note that abstracts are NOT required for travel grants to applicants from high-incidence settings outside the US and Canada.

Criteria	Points
○ Works 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	0-5 points
○ New attendee	0-2 points
○ Resides in a NAR country at time of the conference	0-2 points
○ Letter of support	<u>0-1 point</u>
Total	0-25 points

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
○ Works 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
○ New attendee	0-2 points
○ Quality of submitted abstract, as evaluated by the abstract committee (0.5 x abstract score)	0-10 points
○ Letter of support	<u>0-1 point</u>
Total	0-23 points

Application

- Electronic submission to: tbconference@bc.lung.ca
- Applications may also be submitted by e-mail or FAX
- **Deadline for submission October 5, 2021.**

Notification

You will be notified of whether your application was accepted, and the amount of funding awarded by mail or E-mail by **November 9, 2020**.