



**25<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
The Union-North America Region  
February 25-27, 2021  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

## **TRAVEL GRANT**

**Deadline for Submission: October 6, 2020**

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 25th Annual Conference of The Union-North American Region without financial assistance. It is highly recommended that you also seek additional sources of funding.

### **Eligibility**

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

- 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 grant 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.

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

### **Mentoring Opportunity**

All junior conference attendees (those with < 5 years' experience) can choose to be matched with a senior mentor who will meet with mentees prior to or during the conference to offer professional guidance. 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 to The Union is also strongly encouraged. Please contact Menn Biagtan at [biagtan@bc.lung.ca](mailto:biagtan@bc.lung.ca) for more information or if you require a fee waiver to join.

### **Travel Grant Scoring Criteria**

#### **A. Applicants from outside of the U.S.A. and Canada**

Applicants from high-incidence settings outside of the U.S.A. and Canada are not required to submit an abstract to apply for travel grant.

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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-25 points</b>

### **B. Applicants from within the U.S.A. and Canada**

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.

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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-23 points</b>

### **Application**

- Apply [online](#) (preferred method).
- You may also submit via e-mail to [tbconference@bc.lung.ca](mailto:tbconference@bc.lung.ca). If submitting by e-mail, please use [this form](#).
- Submission deadline is October 6, 2020.

### **Notification**

Successful candidates will be notified of acceptance by e-mail on November 9, 2020.

### **For more information, contact:**

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