

# TRAVEL GRANTS

## Deadline for Submission: October 7, 2011

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Union – North American Region without financial assistance. It is highly recommended that you seek additional sources of funding. Additional training opportunities in the field of TB will be available for selected travel grant recipients.

### Eligibility

#### A. If you reside and work outside the United States and Canada:

- Unlikely to be able to attend the conference without the grant
- Residence and work in the Caribbean, Central or South America (Note: Due to funding constraints, we are unable to fund travel for applicants from other world regions)
- A letter signed by a) you, b) your supervisor and/or the principal investigator (if applicable) explaining:
  - The benefits of your attending the conference, for your public health program and/or your research study.
  - Clear 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.

#### B. If you reside and work in the United States or Canada:

- Unlikely to be able to attend the conference without the grant
- Submission of an abstract and a letter from the principal investigator (if applicable) or your supervisor explaining:
  - The benefits of your attending the conference, for your public health program and/or your research study.
  - Clear 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.

## 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
○ Work in public health program or research project relevant to TB control	0-6 points
○ Demonstration of need	0-6 points
○ Description of activities and how attendance will advance work	<u>0-8 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-20 points</b>

### 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
○ Work in high TB-burden context or population ( $\geq 30/100,000$ )	0 points no; 2 if yes
○ Demonstration of need	0-4 points
○ Description of activities and how attendance will advance work	0-2 points
○ Quality of submitted abstract, as evaluated by the abstracts committee (0.5 x abstract score)	<u>0-10 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-20 points</b>

### Application

- Submit Travel Grant Application to Menn Biagtan, MD, MPH
- Electronic submission is encouraged
- Applications may also be submitted by mail or FAX
- **Deadline for submission: October 7, 2011**

### Notification

You will be notified of whether your application was accepted and the amount of funding awarded by mail or E-mail by **November 4, 2011**.



## TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION

(Please type/print)

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Major Responsibilities:

Name of your jurisdiction, and TB incidence in the jurisdiction/location/population you serve:

How would attendance at the IUATLD-NAR conference help your work in TB?

Do you have access to other resources to be able to attend the conference (specify)?  
**(Note: Applicants are encouraged to get other sources of funding.)**

Attachments:

- Abstract (optional if outside US/Canada)
- Letter of support (MANDATORY)

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**Submit application to, or for additional information, contact:**

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