

IEA-AFRICA REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019

Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship will be available for selected participants to ensure an inclusive conference. We will provide 80 scholarships for the African regional IEA conference, for both early career and mid career epidemiologist from African countries.

Selection criteria:

The scholarships are open to everyone around Africa working in the epidemiology field who fulfil the following criteria:

1. Researcher or public health worker in early career;
2. Working in a resource-limited setting in Africa;
3. Be the presenting author of an accepted abstract.
4. Those whose participation will help enhance their work in their own countries;
5. Those who are able to assist in the transfer of skills and knowledge acquired at the conference.

Scholarship selection will be based on a non-biased scoring system. A Scholarship Review Committee (SRC) will review and score the applications.

Types of support

Scholarship applicants are able to request a full or partial scholarship.

A full scholarship includes:

- Registration fee for the conference
- Travel (pre-paid airfare at the lowest fare available, from the nearest international airport)
- Accommodation (shared room in a budget hotel for the days of the conference only)
- Visa fee reimbursement

A partial scholarship may include any or combination of the following:

- Discounted conference registration fee
- Accommodation
- Pre-paid airfare

Applicants will have to provide the following: letter of recommendation, letter of motivation of not more than 500 words (include aspects listed in #4 and #5 in selection criteria), the level of financial need and a scanned copy of the valid passport (or ID for Mozambicans).

Deadline for submitting scholarship application: February 15th 2019, 5:00 PM Eastern African Time (EAT).

All scholarship awardees are required to attend the full conference, including the Pre-conference workshop. At the close of the Conference, awardees must have completed the daily and overall conference evaluations.

If a scholarship recipient does not believe that she or he will be able to commit to attend the entire conference, she or he can choose one of the following three options:

- Adjust other conflicting commitments and attend the full conference to maintain the scholarship.
- Forfeit the scholarship, pay the full current registration fee, present their work, and have no obligation to attend the full conference.
- Choose not to attend the conference and assign a co-author to present the work at the conference.

How to Apply

Applicants for scholarship must submit their application following above mentioned criteria with all supporting documents. Incomplete application will be rejected. Applicants will be informed by email about the outcome of their application until 28th February 2019. Successful applicants for full scholarship will be provided with air ticket (electronic) and visa reimbursement (if applied). Airport transfer will be arranged for by the hotel.

Any travel cost in excess of those included within scholarship is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient and must be paid by themselves. Unless otherwise specified in the scholarship award, scholarship recipients are responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the airport in country of origin and any luggage fees. There are no expected reimbursements (except of entry visa if applied).