



27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Union-North America Region
February 22-25, 2023
Vancouver, BC, Canada

TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

Deadline for Submissions: October 5, 2022

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 27th Annual Conference of The Union-North America 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. Travel grant recipients will be given 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@bclung.ca if you require a fee waiver to join.

Eligibility

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

- Are unlikely 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 sources 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

Abstracts are **NOT** required for travel grants to applicants from high-incidence settings outside the USA 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

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

Submit travel grant applications via our [online portal](#). Deadline is October 5, 2022.

Notification

Successful candidates will be notified via e-mail by November 10, 2022.