

## TRAVEL GRANT INFORMATION

### Deadline for Submission: September 21, 2026

We are pleased to offer travel grants to selected individuals who would otherwise be unable to attend the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Union – North American Region without financial assistance. It is highly recommended that you seek additional sources of funding. 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](mailto:biagtan@bclung.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:
  - Your current role and work, including specifically the benefits of attending the conference, for your public health program and/or your research study.
  - A clear justification for the funding request (“demonstration of need”), including documentation of other funding which will help support your attendance.

**This letter is MANDATORY and must address the above points (see also the criteria below for how these are evaluated). No travel grants will be awarded to applicants without this letter.**

On the submission form, you will also need to describe your job responsibilities, the jurisdiction/population/location you serve, how attending the conference will support your work in TB.

- 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 and for those who have received the award twice.**

## 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>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0-25 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
○ 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

- Electronic submission will open soon.
- **Deadline for submission September 21, 2026**

To submit your travel grant application (applicants from outside the United States and Canada), [click here](#).

To submit your travel grant application (applicants from within the United States and Canada), [click here](#).

### Notification:

You will be notified of whether your application was accepted, and the amount of funding awarded by mail or E-mail by **November 6, 2026**.

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