

AIDS 2016: 21st International AIDS Conference 18-22 July 2016 – Durban, South Africa

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The purpose of the programme is to support the attendance of individuals who intend to disseminate the information and skills acquired at AIDS 2016 to their organizations and communities and <u>who</u> <u>otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend the conference</u>. People openly living with HIV and/or who belong to a community that is disproportionately affected by HIV are strongly encouraged to apply.

As only **a limited number of scholarships are available** and the demand is so high, it is strongly recommended you also seek funding from other sources.

Please read the following information carefully before you begin your application.

REQUIREMENTS

- The programme is open to everyone working or volunteering in the field of HIV in any country, including South Africa.
- You must be **at least 16 years of age** at the time of the conference (that is, turn 16 on or before 18 July 2016) to apply for a scholarship.
- If you are **under 18 years of age** at the time of the conference, you will need to show proof of an accompanying adult on your application. Note that the accompanying adult will not receive a scholarship if your application is successful.
- Application forms must be **completed in full**. Incomplete applications cannot be considered for a scholarship.
- Application forms must be completed in **English**. The official language of the conference is English.
- All applicants must submit a **letter of recommendation** from a manager, colleague or peer through the upload function BEFORE the deadline of 12 February 2016, 23:59 CET. If this document is not submitted, your application will not be considered.

PROCESS

- Application deadline: **12 February 2016, 23:59 CET**. Applications will not be accepted after this date.
- You must **complete the online application form only once**. A confirmation number will appear on the screen automatically after your application has been submitted.
- You can save a draft of your application form before submitting it and come back to complete it at another time before 12 February 2016, 23:59 CET. However, once you press proceed (at the end of the application page), you cannot return to the application form to change any details, except to upload documents / link an abstract, workshop or global village and youth activity. Once you press submit (at the end of the application process), you will only be able to link an abstract, workshop or global village and youth activity.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- ABSTRACTS: Scholarships for abstract presenters are judged based on the quality of the abstract. The scholarship is connected to the abstract, not the individual. Therefore, if the presenter changes, the scholarship will move to the new presenter. If you are submitting an abstract, you will be able to link your scholarship application to the abstract.
- WORKSHOP FACILITATORS: Scholarships for workshop facilitators are judged based on the quality of the workshop. The scholarship is connected to the workshop, not the individual. Therefore, if the facilitator changes, the scholarship will move to the new facilitator. If you are submitting a workshop proposal, you will be able to link your scholarship application to the submission. Co-facilitators requesting scholarships are encouraged to note the workshop reference number in the application. Please note that the number must be added in the application form before the form is submitted and cannot be added later.
- GLOBAL VILLAGE AND YOUTH ACTIVITY ORGANIZERS: Scholarships for global village and youth activity organizers are judged based on the quality of the activity. The scholarship is connected to the activity, not the individual. Therefore, if the organizer changes, the scholarship will move to the new organizer. If you are submitting a global village and youth activity proposal, you will be able to link your scholarship application to the submission. All coorganizers requesting scholarships are encouraged to note the global village and youth activity reference number in the application. Please note that the number must be added in the application form before the form is submitted and cannot be added later.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence between the Scholarship Programme team and applicants will happen primarily by email. Therefore you must have a valid personal email address that you regularly check.
- Any enquiries concerning your scholarship application should be addressed to <u>scholarships@aids2016.org</u>.
- The information you provide on this form is considered confidential and will only be used for AIDS 2016 including its accredited affiliated independent events and pre-conferences.