



Society for Medical Decision Making International Travel Scholarship Announcement

Deadline Extended to: August 27, 2010

Through a generous grant from the University of Toronto, a limited amount of funds are available to support researchers currently residing in middle-income countries to attend the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM) in Toronto, Ontario October 24-27, 2010. This is a pilot program that we hope to expand in future years to a larger number of researchers in non-high income countries

Scholarship applicants will be selected according to the guidelines specified in the attachment. Scholarships will include

- 1) A 3-year non-high income membership in the Society (valued at \$195 USD), including online access to *Medical Decision Making*, the official journal of the Society for Medical Decision Making,
- 2) 2010 annual meeting fees including meeting registration, attendance at the social event and registration for one full-day short course or two half-day short courses (total valued at \$390 USD)
- 3) A travel support subsidy for transportation, accommodation, and meal allowance; the amount of the subsidy will depend on the number of awards and availability of funds. In most cases, successful applicants can expect to receive support adequate to cover reasonable travel expenses.

Scholarship applications are due by 5:00PM Eastern Time on August 13, 2010. Note that along with an e-mailed scholarship application you **MUST** register for the annual meeting once registration opens the first week of August and before August 27, 2010. If you are not awarded a scholarship and are unable to attend the meeting, your registration fee will be refunded and the \$50 administrative fee will be waived provided that your registration is cancelled in writing prior to October 8, 2010.

Please complete the application form on the next page and forward it by email to marie@smdm.org with the following attachments in English:

1. Letter of support from an institutional sponsor (see guidelines for further information)
2. A brief (preferably one page) Curriculum Vitae

Applicants will be notified whether they have been selected by early September 2010



Society for Medical Decision Making International Travel Scholarship Application Form

Last Name:
 First Name:
 Organization/Department:
 Mailing Address/PO Box:
 City:
 Province/State (if applicable):
 Postal/Zip Code:
 Country:

E-Mail (required):

Country of Birth:
 Country of Permanent Residence:
 Country of Current Residence:

One factor that we will consider favorably is whether you have actively sought other funding for your attendance. Please provide details of scholarship or funding sources for which you have already applied, support that you may have received or which may still be pending

Please indicate the amounts requested.

Item	Amount in US Dollars
Coach / economy class airfare	
Roundtrip transportation to/from airport to hotel \$120 USD	
Hotel __ nights at \$258 USD (258.77 CAD) per night for a single or shared room Note that applicants are expected to be present for pre-meeting short courses on Sunday October 24 and the entire meeting on Monday October 25 through Wednesday October 27	
Meal allowance: __ days up to \$60 USD per day	
Total	

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Society for Medical Decision Making (SMDM) International Travel Scholarship Guidelines

Purpose

The Board of SMDM is conducting a pilot international travel scholarship program for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario through a generous grant from the University of Toronto. This pilot program is limited to researchers currently residing in middle income countries as defined by the World Bank (see list below). This is a pilot program that we hope to expand in future years to a larger number of researchers in non-high income countries

Travel scholarships are intended to provide partial support for an individual to attend the SMDM Annual Meeting, and are not intended to cover all the costs associated with attending the meeting.

Eligibility

Applicants are eligible for consideration if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. An applicant's submission has been accepted for presentation at an oral or poster session at the 2010 SMDM Annual Meeting (presenters will be notified of submission status on July 30, 2010). A letter of support from an institutional sponsor is not required but is encouraged.
2. An applicant is currently working for or has an affiliation with an institution such as a government body (ministry, department, agency, or research institute), university, or medical center located in a middle income country that is engaged in research or policy making related to the field of medical decision making, and provides a letter of support from this institution.
3. An applicant is conducting research related to the field of medical decision making in middle income countries in collaboration with an institution located elsewhere and provides a letter of support from this institution.

Guidelines for Letter of Support

The letter of support should be in pdf form on the letterhead of the institutional sponsor and should include:

1. Name of the applicant
2. Name and position of the individual at the sponsoring institution
3. Description of the applicant's affiliation with the sponsoring institution
4. Description of research or policy making role of the sponsoring institution as it relates to the field of medical decision making
5. Description of how attendance at the SMDM 2010 Annual Meeting will contribute to furthering the applicant's work with the sponsoring institution as it relates to the field of medical decision making



Attendance and Expense Reimbursement

Applicants who are awarded a travel scholarship are expected to attend the entire annual meeting including the pre-meeting short course day, and are required to attend the global health policy interest group session. Applicants are encouraged to participate in the one-on-one mentorship program that is available without charge during the meeting.

Travel support funds will only be paid to reimburse applicants for direct travel, accommodation, and living expenses to attend the 2010 SMDM Annual Meeting. Funds will normally only be paid after applicants have submitted valid original receipts confirming the costs they have incurred. This usually means that funds will be paid after the close of the Annual Meeting when all valid receipts have been received. Funds will be paid by check in US dollars (converted at the exchange rate effective on the date of the check) only to individuals; payments will not be made to organizations, government departments, or businesses. In exceptional circumstances applicants may request in advance for funds to be paid in person to the applicant during the Annual Meeting.

For more information contact SMDM Executive Director Jill Metcalf at jill.metcalf@smdm.org.

Upper-middle-income economies (46)	World Bank-Defined Middle Income Countries	
Algeria	Grenada	Peru
American Samoa	Jamaica	Poland
Argentina	Kazakhstan	Romania
Belarus	Latvia	Russian Federation
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Lebanon	Serbia
Botswana	Libya	Seychelles
Brazil	Lithuania	South Africa
Bulgaria	Macedonia, FYR	St. Kitts and Nevis
Chile	Malaysia	St. Lucia
Colombia	Mauritius	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Costa Rica	Mayotte	Suriname
Cuba	Mexico	Turkey
Dominica	Montenegro	Uruguay
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Venezuela, RB
Fiji	Palau	
Gabon	Panama	
Lower-middle-income economies (55)		
Albania	Honduras	Paraguay
Angola	India	Philippines
Armenia	Indonesia	Samoa
Azerbaijan	Iran, Islamic Rep.	São Tomé and Príncipe
Belize	Iraq	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Jordan	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Kiribati	Sudan
Cameroon	Kosovo	Swaziland
Cape Verde	Lesotho	Syrian Arab Republic
China	Maldives	Thailand
Congo, Rep.	Marshall Islands	Timor-Leste
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Tonga
Djibouti	Moldova	Tunisia
Ecuador	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Morocco	Ukraine
El Salvador	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Georgia	Nigeria	West Bank and Gaza
Guatemala	Pakistan	
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	