



HTLV Bursary Scheme 2024

HTLV infections are most common in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) and infection and its' consequences are associated with health inequity. Thus, the organisers of HTLV2024 are keen to encourage broad participation in the 21st Biennial International Conference on Human Retrovirology: HTLV and related viruses of people affected by HTLV, of researchers, particularly working in LMIC and of students. To this end, and with the support of the International Retrovirology Association, Imperial College London and Imperial Healthcare Charity, the organisers of HTLV2024 have set up a bursary scheme which is open to the aforementioned groups, to encourage patients and their representatives and those pursuing, through research, education or healthcare, advances in the understanding and management of Human T-cell lymphotropic viruses. The funds are specifically to pay for costs relating to attendance at the HTLV2024 Conference, London 2 -5th June 2024.

Eligibility

Applicants will be registered to attend HTLV2024 or be a co-author of an accepted abstract and meet one of the following additional criteria:

- A) Applicants will either be a person living with HTLV or an advocate for people living with HTLV
- B) A HTLV researcher working in a LMIC
- C) A healthcare professional managing HTLV infection consequences in an LMIC
- D) A Health manager working on health programmes related to HTLV policies
- E) A student undertaking HTLV- related research, particularly those in LMIC

Awards

Awards will be made in two categories:

- 1) Registration fees only
- 2) Registration fees plus additional travel and accommodation costs

The number of awards will depend on the funds available on 31st March 2024 and the balance of applications. It is hoped that all applicants will seek additional sources of funding to participate in HTLV2024 to ensure optimal distribution of these limited resources.



How to apply

For Researchers/Healthcare professionals the application involves **supplying a letter (maximum 350 words)** detailing:

1. The current post of the applicant, institution, city, country.
2. A brief description of their experience in HTLV research/care.
3. Confirmation that they have registered for HTLV2024 /or have submitted an abstract.
4. A description of how they would benefit from this bursary.
5. A supporting letter from their current supervisor (students) or line manager.

Please also include how you can help increase awareness of HTLV either within your department or with other trainees after the conference, such as a grand round presentation, a trainee learning event or a department meeting.

People living with HTLV (or advocates) the application involves **supplying a letter (maximum 350 words)** detailing:

1. The city and country of residence.
2. The name of any organisation that they are representing, if applicable.
3. A description of their role in the HTLV community
4. A description of how they would benefit from this bursary.
5. Letter of support from the community organisation or a related research or healthcare organisation

Important Dates

Submissions must be emailed to maggie@medivents.co.uk, no later than **Sunday 10th March 2024.**

You will be notified of the outcome of your application on **Monday 18th March 2024.**