

## Scholarship Application Guidelines

### ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

#### To be eligible you:

- Are able attend the conference in person from the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand

#### Priority will be given to those who:

- Do not have access to other sources of funding to attend the conference.
- Are part of or work with one or more of the following key populations:
  - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples
  - Māori
  - Pasifika (Melanesian, Micronesian and Polynesian) peoples
  - Indigenous peoples in Asia
  - People living in remote locations
  - Men who have sex with men
  - Trans and gender diverse people
  - People who inject drugs
  - People who engage in sex work
  - People living in resource constrained settings
  - Culturally and linguistically diverse populations
- Have not been to the conference before

### HOW TO APPLY & SELECTION CRITERIA

Questions (response maximum 200 words for each question – must be submitted via the online application)

1. Describe what point of care testing means to you. This could be about your volunteering or work in the sector, your personal interest or your research.
2. Think about a community that you are a part of or working with, discuss **one barrier** that people affected by infectious diseases face, this could be barrier to health care or other aspects of life, and how point of care testing can help remove that barrier.
3. What do you hope to learn at the conference?
4. Provide a brief outline, including examples, of how you will transfer the knowledge you learn at the conference to your community or peers?
5. Confirm that you will share a reflection after the conference. This can be a written piece or a video/audio recording.

Applications are reviewed for each application according to the following scoring systems:

- 1. Describe what point of care testing means to you. This could be about your volunteering or work in the sector, your personal interest or your research.**
  - Very good (score 5) – The description was authentic, well-articulated, and it is clear that the applicant has a strong interest and motivation about point of care testing
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has done a good job describing the relationship
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has outlined some of the relationship
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has some description about the relationship
  - Poor (score 1) – The person has named what they believe to be the relationship
  
- 2. Think about a community that you are a part of or working with, discuss one barrier that people affected by infectious diseases face, this could be barrier to health care or other aspects of life, and how point of care testing can help remove that barrier.**
  - Very good (score 5) – The barrier was well chosen, well-articulated, and it is very clear that the applicant has taken considerable effort to highlight a barrier that is faced
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has done a good job choosing and describing a barrier
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has outlined a barrier faced
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has some description about a barrier
  - Poor (score 1) – The person has named what they believe to be a barrier
  
- 3. What do you hope to learn at the conference?**
  - Very good (score 5) – The applicant has clearly outlined and articulated well what they would like to learn and their objectives for attending the conference
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has described what they would like to learn and has a good idea of what their objectives for the conference are
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has some idea of what they would like to learn
  - Below average (score 2) – The applicant has not really explained what they would like to achieve from their attendance
  - Poor (score 1) – The applicant has not indicated what they would like to learn
  
- 4. Provide a brief outline, including examples, of how you will transfer what you learn at the conference to your community?**
  - Very good (score 5) – The applicant has clearly highlighted a good plan for the sharing of information and knowledge. They have provided concrete examples of how they will share conference learnings with their community
  - Good (score 4) – The applicant has highlighted a plan for the sharing of information and knowledge. They have provided an example of how they will share conference learnings with their community
  - Average (score 3) – The applicant has suggested some ways that they will share information with their community
  - Below average (score 2) – The person has not really suggested ways that they will share the information with their community
  - Poor (score 1) – The applicant has not suggested ways that they will share the information with their community

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5. Confirm that you will share a reflection after the conference. This can be a written piece or a video/audio recording.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- All applicants must provide accurate information and advise ASHM if their situation changes. Withholding or giving false information may result in the withdrawal of the application.
- All scholarship holders will be expected to share a personal reflection of the conference with ASHM within 1 month from the conclusion of the conference.
- Applications will be reviewed by a panel that includes community representatives.
- No extensions for applications will be provided.
- Panel decisions are final.