

INDUSTRY SUPPORTED ESPID ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDANCE SCHEME

– Proposal for an industry-supported unrestricted educational award

Purpose: to sponsor attendance at annual ESPID meeting

Overall aims:

- To increase attendance at the meeting
- To increase membership of ESPID & participation of members in the meeting
- To enhance scientific quality of and engagement in the meeting
- To permit suitable delegates to benefit from attending the meeting who would/could otherwise not attend

Application process

The Scheme will be advertised to ESPID members by email, on ESPID and ESPID 2021 websites and via ESPID social media feeds. Applicants will provide information as listed below in a structured online form: applicant's name, contact info, a photo, age/dob, qualifications, details of previously accepted ESPID abstracts and abstracts submitted to the upcoming meeting and details of journey to be made (from where and via what airport if flying). Applicants will also make a declaration that all information provided is true, that they understand that if their application is successful the information provided will be publicly accessible on the ESPID website, and that they are not receiving any other bursaries or awards to cover the costs of attending the meeting.

Selection Criteria

1. The proposal is open to all ESPID members (only) - applicants applying for membership at the same time will be eligible, subs have to be paid before receiving an award.
2. Every applicant receives a score - top scorers get the awards (fixed number awarded – based on size of the grant and the value of each award).

Selection will be by a points system as follows (points available shown in brackets).

- Being an ESPID member "in good standing". (2)
- Younger age - although no one is excluded based on age. (80/age in years on 29th March)
- Healthcare professional qualifications or degrees. (Maximum 5 allowed)
- Vocational non-medical, healthcare professional qualification/degree (nursing, physiotherapist, psychologist etc) (1)
- Other science degree (Bachelors and/or Masters including MSc, MPH, MBA) (1)
- Medical degree or PhD (3)
- Medical degree and PhD (4)

*Please note that ESPID Members and participants from developing countries have priority in the selection process.

Payment mechanics

Kenes International on behalf of ESPID will manage any payment (travel, accommodations and registration) to a respective travel agency in a compliant manner.

- The travel grant will be used by Kenes International to cover the costs of registration to the congress, reasonable travel and accommodation (e.g. economy flight and 3-4 star hotel accommodations) for the awardees to attend the educational activity.
- In the event that the Meeting is planned as virtual, the travel grant will cover applicants' registrations for participation.
- Kenes International will be responsible for accommodation and registration of the attendees and will use the services of an external travel agency for the purchase of flight tickets to be allocated for the award.
- Kenes International will ensure that the appointed travel agency will use minimum expenditure to allow maximum participation of attendees in the educational activity.
- No funds will be transferred directly by ESPID, Kenes International or the travel agency to the applicants selected for this award.

Timing of award

To be confirmed.

Acknowledgment

The existence and terms of the award scheme and details of the sponsor(s) to be published in the award page of Meeting website and App.