The purpose of the programme is to support the attendance of individuals whose abstract has been selected for presentation in the programme, who are most able to transfer the skills and knowledge acquired at the conference to the work they undertake in their own organizations and community delegates who otherwise would not have the opportunity to attend the conference.

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 Canada.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the conference (that is, turn 18 on or before 19 July 2015) to apply for a scholarship.
- 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 3 February 2015 – 23:59 CET. If this document is not submitted, the application will not be considered.

PROCESS
- Application deadline: 3 February 2015 – 23:59 CET. Applications will not be accepted after this date.
- Applicants must complete the online application form only once. A confirmation number will appear on the screen automatically after your application has been submitted.
- Applicants can save a draft of the application form before submitting it and come back to complete it at another time before 3 February 2015 – 23:59 CET. However, once applicants press PROCEED (at the end of the application page) they cannot return to the application form to change any details, except to upload documents / link an abstract. Once applicants press SUBMIT (at the end of the application process), they will only be able to link an abstract.
• **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 through the conference profile.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

• Correspondence between the International Scholarship Programme and the applicants will be done primarily by email. Therefore applicants must have a valid personal email address that they regularly check.
• Any enquiries concerning your application for an International Scholarship should be addressed to scholarships@ias2015.org.
• The information applicants provide on this form is considered confidential and will only be used for IAS 2015 including its accredited affiliated independent events.

Download a PDF version of the application form to prepare for online submission (paper or email submissions are not accepted, this is for your reference only)

Download the International Scholarship Programme Terms & Conditions

Fields marked with an * are required.

If any of your contact details are incorrect please change them in your Conference Profile.

1. Personal details (from Conference Profile)

First name(s):

Last name(s):

Gender:

Date of birth:

Nationality:

Passport number:

Email (preferred):
*Please ensure that you check this address regularly as the International Scholarship team will use this email address to communicate with you.*

Email (alternative):
Telephone:

Mobile telephone:

Fax:

Address:

Postal code (Zip):

City:

Country:

Aboriginal/indigenous people
Are you a member of an aboriginal (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) community in Canada or other aboriginal/Indigenous community elsewhere?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Ethno-racial background (optional)
Have you immigrated within the past 5 years?
☐ Yes
☐ No

What region of the world are you originally from?
☐ Africa
☐ Asia and the Pacific Islands
☐ Eastern Europe and Central Asia
☐ Latin America and the Caribbean
☐ North America
☐ Western Europe

Are you a member of a visible minority (i.e. person of colour)?
☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please specify:

2. Organization - Affiliation – Company

What type of organization do you work for? The answer is taken from the Conference Profile
Name of organization:* 

Address:* 

City:* 

Country:* 

Telephone:*  
Start with “+” and country code, i.e. +1 234 567 890  
Website:  

Approximately how many people work in your organization?*  
☐ <10  
☐ 10-100  
☐ 100-1,000  
☐ >1,000  

What is the reach of your organization?*  
☐ Local  
☐ National  
☐ Regional  
☐ International  

Please describe the main areas with which your organization is involved:*  
(maximum 200 words)  

3. Profession – Occupation  

What is the main area of your work in the field of HIV and AIDS? The answer is taken from the Conference Profile.  

Please summarize the main tasks you undertake in your work on HIV.*  
(maximum 200 words)  

Are you currently receiving support from the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a trainee?*  
☐ Yes  
☐ No  

How long have you been working in the field of HIV?*  
☐ Less than 2 years  
☐ 2-5 years
Please name any regional, national or international coalitions and networks you are currently involved in (maximum 50 words):

4. Financial support required

Please choose the level(s) of support you wish to apply for:* 
- Registration fee for the conference (includes access to all sessions and exhibitions)
- Travel (pre-paid return airfare at the lowest fare available, from the nearest international airport)
- Accommodation (shared in a budget hotel or dorm for the days of the conference)
- Modest daily living allowance for the duration of the conference (19-22 July 2015, US$37 per day)

Please note: The level of support requested may not be the level of support granted. Full scholarships will only be awarded in a limited number of cases. Partial scholarships will also be awarded.

In all cases individuals will be required to cover the cost of their hotel incidental expenses, meals and other extra expenses, as well as visa costs, which can be considerable and may require a significant amount of time. We strongly recommend you to make contact with the Canadian embassy/consulate in your country as soon as possible to enquire about the specific Canadian immigration processes and timing that will apply to you.

5. Past conferences

Have you attended a recent IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention?* 
- Yes
- No

If “yes”, please select one:
- IAS 2007, Sydney
- IAS 2009, Cape Town
- IAS 2011, Rome
- IAS 2013, Kuala Lumpur

Have you received a scholarship for a recent IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention?* 
- Yes
- No
If “yes”, please select one:

☐ IAS 2007, Sydney
☐ IAS 2009, Cape Town
☐ IAS 2011, Rome
☐ IAS 2013, Kuala Lumpur

6. Motivation

Why do you want to attend IAS 2015?*  
(maximum 200 words)

Please provide details of the actions or activities you are planning to undertake after attending IAS 2015, which would directly benefit your organization and/or community:*  
(maximum 200 words)

7. “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium

The symposium will bring together senior, mid-career and junior scientists, clinical researchers, scientific journalists, research funding administrators and community representatives. The “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium has a small scholarship programme to support delegates to attend the symposium and the IAS 2015 Conference. Abstracts submitted to IAS 2015 which are pertinent to HIV cure research can be considered for the “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium.

If you are interested in HIV cure research, would you like to apply for a scholarship to attend the “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium, 18 & 19 July 2015, Vancouver?*  
☐ Yes  
☐ No

If “Yes”  
Have you registered for the 2015 Towards an HIV Cure Symposium?*  
☐ Yes  
☐ No

If “Yes”  
Please provide your Towards an HIV Cure participant ID number:*  

If “No”  
Please note that you must be registered to the Towards an HIV Cure Symposium in order to be considered for an HIV cure scholarship. Please complete your registration to the 2015 Towards an HIV Cure Symposium here.

Please briefly detail your interest in HIV cure research:*  
(maximum 100 words)
Why do you think you should attend the “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium?* (maximum 100 words)

Have you previously attended a “Towards an HIV Cure” symposium?*

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please attach your CV*

Please note that the review process and notification system for the Towards an HIV Cure Scholarship Programme and the International Scholarship Programme are separate. As such, you will receive two distinct notifications for your application. For more information please refer to the Scholarship Information.

8. Supporting documentation

Your scholarship application is not complete until you upload a letter of recommendation written by your organization, institute or affiliation. This letter should state that they support your scholarship application and conference attendance. It should be on official letterhead, and have either a digital or original signature by a manager, colleague or peer. You may upload it as pdf or Microsoft Word document. You will also be requested to provide her/his contact details.

You must upload your recommendation letter on or before 3 February 2015 – 23:59 CET. No application will be accepted without submission of this letter.

9. Abstract presenters

If you are the presenting author of an abstract you must "link" your scholarship application to the abstract(s) before 3 February 2015, 23:59 CET. You may do so through the next step of your application form after you click on the “PROCEED” button.

If you do not know your submission number, you may link it later through your Conference Profile.

Scholarship recipients will be requested to participate in a survey to assess the scholarship’s impact on their career and to submit a post-conference report explaining what they have gained from the conference and how they passed this to their organization/community.

Before you click on “PROCEED”, please check you have answered all the questions. Please note that once you click on PROCEED you will not be able to change any details entered in your scholarship application form.