

APLAR Annual Congress Travel Grant

The aim of this grant is to support APLAR Young Rheumatologist (AYR) for attendance of the APLAR Annual Congress.

APLAR will grant 20-40 need-based travel stipends to AYR members with an accepted abstract, poster or oral presentation.

These stipends will include complimentary registration to the conference and the following need-based allowance to cover part of the estimated travel and lodging costs of attending the conference:

- US\$ 500 if AYR members are residing in the country where the annual congress is held.
- US\$ 1000 if AYR members are residing outside the country where the annual congress is held.

Terms of reference

1. Applicants must be a member of AYR.
2. The call, deadline and decision for travel grant applications will follow the periodicity of abstracts of the APLAR Annual Congress.
3. In order to apply, the applications must submit the following documents before the closing date:
 - a. A copy of their CV.
 - b. Cover letter, making a (need-based) case for their selection for the stipend. The letter should specify if and how the applicants get funded for their training (for example whether they need to work to pay for living expenses and/or to conduct their research), if they have access to travel funds to attend conferences (through their schools/hospital or grants), and if and how they have exhausted the travel funds.
 - c. A letter from their direct supervisors confirming the applicant's source of funding during the year (i.e., a scholarship, a stipend, or any other research funding) and verifying that the applicants does not have access to other travel funds.
4. The stipend decision will be made by the APLAR Scientific Committee based on **merit** and **need**; endorsed by APLAR Board of Directors. All

decisions are final.

- Applicants with an accepted oral presentation will receive priority over those with an accepted poster or abstract.
 - Priority will be also given to applicants who have never attended APLAR Annual Congress.
 - The reviewers' ratings of the submission and the candidate's CVs will be used in case of ties.
 - Applicants who apply for the stipend but do not receive it will be allowed to ask a co-author to present or to withdraw their submission if they decide not to attend the conference.
 - Applicants who applied for the grant previously and did not receive it can apply again, but each applicant can receive the stipend only once.
5. Grant recipients will be personally responsible for all travel arrangements including air/train/bus tickets, hotel booking and insurance.
 6. APLAR reserves the right to discontinue this program at any time.