

HTLV 2026 Bursary Scheme

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 HTLV2026 are keen to encourage broad participation in the 22nd 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, the organisers of HTLV2026 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 HTLV2026 Conference, Philadelphia 3rd – 6th June 2026.

Eligibility

Applicants must 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 in an LMIC
- E) A student undertaking HTLV- related research, particularly those in LMIC

Awards

Awards will comprise registration fees only initially, however we will consider providing additional funds towards travel and accommodation if sponsorship is found. Please let us know on your application, which of the below you wish to apply for:

- 1) Registration fees only
- 2) Registration fees with the possibility of additional funds to be put towards travel and accommodation costs (TBC depending on sponsorship)

The number of awards will depend on the funds available and the balance of applications. It is hoped that all applicants will seek additional sources of funding to participate in HTLV2026 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 HTLV2026 /or have submitted an abstract. If you have submitted an abstract, please provide the ID number and title.**
- 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

- The scheme opens on **9th June 2025** – please do not apply before this date as your application will not be reviewed.
- The deadline for applications is **27th February 2026**.
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **11th March 2026**.