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### **RULES FOR TRAVEL GRANTS**

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for travel grants must be current members (private and public fellow members) of the South African Dental Association (SADA) for at least two years prior to the date of the application.

2. The DDF Trust will award one travel grant application per department per year for both local and international conferences.

### 3. GENERAL RULES

# Applications by Individuals attached to Universities or Institutions

Application must be supported by the Head of the Department or Institution and the Head of the School, when the applicant is Head of the Department or Institution, by the Dean of his Faculty or Director of his Institution.

**Section 19** of the Application Form must therefore be completed by the University or Institution concerned.

Applicants shall be required to receive a substantial portion of their support from their Universities, Institutions or other appropriate bodies. Applicants must submit proof that they have applied for financial assistance to their Universities,

Institutions or other appropriate bodies, or they must furnish sound reasons why such applications were not made.

### Applications by Individuals not attached to Universities or Institutions

Applications must be supported by the member's SADA Branch Committee.

**Section 20** of the Application Form must therefore be completed.

Applicants must submit proof that they have applied from other appropriate bodies for financial support or they must furnish sound reasons why such applications were not made.

- **Completed Application Forms** must be submitted to The Chairperson, DDF Trust, Private Bag 1, Houghton 2041 thorough email at the following address: **secretary@sada.co.za**.
- Closing Dates for Applications
  - Applications are considered by the Committee at the meetings which are normally held twice a year or by electronic means. Completed application forms, together with copies of all supporting documentation should be submitted not later than a month before the scheduled meetings. All the material submitted should be clearly typed.
- Retrospective applications, i.e., applications received at the SADA offices after the departure date of the
  applicant, will not be considered.
- Successful applicants of international grants will be required to sign an undertaking to reside in South Africa for a minimum period of two years after return from the journey, or to refund the grant.
- Individuals receiving travel grant for a scientific conference or for study purposes in any one year, shall not be
  eligible for a further travel grant for a scientific conference or for study purposes during the subsequent two
  years.
- Awards not taken up within one year of date of being granted will be cancelled.
- Generally, only one person from the same Institution or Branch will be supported for travel to the same conference or on a similar study tour.
- Financial support will be provided to SADA to enable delegates to attend the annual FDI meeting. The quantum of the grant shall be at the discretion of the Trustees.

### **Applications - Attendance Scientific Conference**

An applicant must be an active participant (e.g., present a paper/poster, or will make a <u>significant</u> contribution in another way [case reports are not acceptable] and the conference must be seen as being of benefit to Dentistry.

### **Applications - Study Abroad**

- Applicants must provide evidence that they have been accepted for such study by a recognised Institution.
- A full motivation must be supplied giving precise details of the programme and of the individual(s) with whom the applicant intends to work and the expected benefits which may accrue to Dentistry in South Africa.
- It is expected that study tours supported by these funds will benefit Dentistry generally rather than the individual.
- A full budget should be prepared and submitted.

# SUPPORT FOR STUDY OR CONFERENCE TRAVEL IN SOUTH AFRICA

Support for study or conference travel in South Africa will be considered on the abovementioned basis **except** that:

- a) The current (i.e. non-discounted) internal return airfare will be taken into account.
- b) Applications for support to attend conferences will not be received from individuals. The sponsoring body may, however, apply for block grants for the support of travel and subsistence of lecturers. Assistance will only be made available from this source to members of the SADA of not less than two years standing.
- c) Applications for grants to attend other conferences not directly supported by the DDF will be received from individuals only if the applicant is an active participant (i.e. presents a paper/poster or makes a <u>significant</u> contribution in another way) and the conference is seen to be of benefit to Dentistry.

# REPORTS - SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE / TRAVEL ABROAD and in SOUTH AFRICA

Grantees must submit copies of a typewritten report on the conference to the DDF Trustees within 3 months of their return and the report must contain the following five sub-sections

### A title front cover page containing the following information:

- Name of grant holder
- University or Institution to which attached (if applicable)
- Name of Conference
- Date and place of Conference

### A report of the proceedings of the Conference

The main purpose of this report is to inform other South African scientists who were unable to attend the Conference of new information, ideas or opinions expressed during the Conference. The report must be brief and to the point and should not exceed four A4 typewritten pages.

#### A précis

This third subsection should highlight what the author feels to be the most important contribution of the Conference or Study Tour and should report on no more than one or two concrete ideas reflecting new directions or a new consensus of opinion on a particular, important problem. There should not be an attempt to summarize all the information given in subsection 2 of the report.

### An abstract

No more than one typed A4 sheet, must be attached to the report.

### A Financial Statement (Income & Expenditure)

A financial statement (showing actual income and expenditure) verified by the signature of the grantee shall be included in the report.

It is a condition of the grant that all successful applicants should be prepared to present to SADA branches on their conference/congress attendance when invited to do so by a branch.

Award of the full or major portion of the grant requested is contingent on intention to publish the report in the SADJ subject to the Managing Editor's discretion. The Managing Editor will advise within a reasonable period whether he intends to publish the report.