



# HTAi SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

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# HTAi SPPC – Current Remit

- *Ensure Annual Meeting Scientific Programs reflect professional interests of membership*
- *Negotiate contract with publisher of HTAi's journal*
- *Select Egon Jonsson award winner (journal)*
- *Select travel grant recipients (LMIC)*
- **Select educational scholarship recipients**



# HTAi's Scholarship Programme



## A. HTAi Educational Scholarships

- Program goal:
  - Build capacity in LMIC to produce & use HTA by supporting individuals to complete education programs or training in HTA for purpose of applying their knowledge and skills *in their country of origin*
- Broad range of HTA programs eligible for support
  - Masters, PhD, fellowship or other certification/training
  - Internship
  - *Workshops, non-credit educational courses, and conferences are **not eligible***
- Detailed guidelines: <http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=607>



# HTAi's Scholarship Programme

## A. *HTAi Educational Scholarships (continued)*

- Application process: individual + organizational sponsor
  - organizational sponsor
    - representative of LMIC organization where individual works or studies
    - can attest to applicant's competencies & career interests
    - agrees to support individual during & after program completion to apply skills and knowledge gained to advance production and use of HTA in LMIC settings.



# HTAi's Scholarship Programme

## ***B. The Jill Sanders Memorial Scholarship***

- Guidelines largely identical to HTAi Educational Scholarships
  - advancement of HTA in Africa





# HTAi's Scholarship Programme

- No specific deadline
- Balance applicant's needs, strength of application & overall budget available
- \$20 000 CAD available/year
  - Multi-year awards considered
    - up to maximum of \$20 000 CAD/year for two years
  - Recipients who are awarded funding for a single year may submit a separate application for the following year
  - complimentary HTAi membership (1 year) and invitation to join HTAi Developing Countries ISG.
  - funding to attend HTAi Annual Meeting following completion of scholarship award term



# Strengths & Limitations of Model

## Strengths

- targeted focus
- upfront commitment from organizational sponsor
- flexible
  - broad eligibility re: program of study
  - no deadline for submissions

## Limitations

- limited awareness & uptake
- difficult to measure impact
- difficult to plan





# Progress to Date

- Since FY 2008/09:
  - 8 applications reviewed (including 4 from Africa)
  - 4 applications funded; total of \$31,500
  - 2 new applications pending review
- Improvements made in 2012:
  - Requirement for organizational sponsor
  - Enhanced focus on awareness & dissemination
  - Program evaluation (2012-2015)



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## Scholarships

<http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=603>

## Early Career Network

<http://www.htai.org/index.php?id=688>

