The DAA International Congress of Dietetics (ICD) 2012 LEAP Travel Grant

Background

A DAA Board decision has approved it to be appropriate and relevant to utilise existing funds as an ongoing legacy for the purpose of international conference participation. DAA is committed to supporting dietetic research and promoting Australian dietitians in the international arena.

Members who are novice presenters are encouraged to apply for these travel grants to assist and support them to present their work at an international conference overseas - either overseas or in Australia. The term novice does not relate to the time as a practitioner, rather experience as a researcher presenting at an international forum.

Submissions are encouraged from all areas of nutrition and dietetics including clinical, community, industry, education / training, health promotion, private practice, food service, research and public health.

Aim

‘To support a novice researcher member of DAA to present their work in human nutrition at an international meeting’

The travel grant is:

- To provide financial assistance for an individual novice researcher to travel to an international conference to present an oral on their research work.
- To instil confidence in presenting work in the international arena and inspire further participation in research presentations.
- To facilitate further sharing of this work via local dissemination of the international experience via board report and newsletter feature article.

Value of scholarship

The DAA ICD2012 LEAP (Leadership, Evidence and Advancing Practice) Travel Grant supports attendance at an international meeting relevant to the area of research where an abstract has been accepted for oral presentation.
The value of the award is up to $2,000.00 which is available annually on successful application submission (this can be distributed among multiple applicants in any one year). Applications must be received by 30th September each year. The award can only be received once by a DAA member.

Eligibility
- Accredited Practising Dietitian (full or provisional)
- Must be listed as an author of the research paper for presentation
- Paper must be accepted as an oral on the program for the intended conference
- Must not have presented an oral presentation at an international conference overseas in the past (the applicant may have presented at an international conference within Australia to still be eligible to apply)
- Must declare any other sources of funding support for attending the meeting
- Experienced researchers are not eligible to apply e.g. those with completed doctorates and a history of publications and presentations. Experienced researchers in nutrition and dietetics are supported by DAA through a number of other programs, for example, the Emerging Researcher Award and the Fay McDonald Scholarship.
- Attendance at the conference supports the strategic direction of DAA

Selection process
Selection is dependent upon meeting eligibility criteria with applications received annually. All applicants must complete the official application form and supply required documentation by the closing date.

Assessment Process
Applications will be reviewed by a panel convened by the DAA Award and Recognition Advisory Committee (ARAC) members to ensure eligibility criteria are met. Assessment reports will be presented to ARAC at their meeting and their recommendations will be presented to the DAA Board. Where a conflict of interest occurs between applicant and assessor or research mentor, another ARAC member will be allocated the application.

Conditions of Funding
DAA funding support must be acknowledged in all relevant work done during the project and in all presentations and publications.

The applicant must declare any additional sources of support (financial and in kind) and resources available for the project.

All applications approved for funding must provide budget details (including GST) and receipts.

An article for the DAA Newsletter will be made available within 4 weeks of return from the conference.
Funds are allocated at the discretion of the DAA Board. All funds may not be allocated, depending on applications received and some applicants may not receive any funding. All decisions will be made by the DAA Board and will be final.

**Application Process**

Applicants are required to complete the application form in Word format and send to DAA National Office, via email to the DAA Services Manager by the due date.

If by 30th September you have both been accepted and attended the conference, please provide receipts outlining expenses along with your application. If by 30th September, you have been accepted, but not yet attended, you are still eligible to apply and receipts indicating expenses are required to be submitted within 4 weeks of returning from the conference.

Forward receipts to DAA Services Manager servicesmanager@daa.asn.au to process for payment into nominated bank account as per completed LEAP Travel Grant Application form

All enquiries and applications to: DAA Services Manager servicesmanager@daa.asn.au by 30th September each year.