

AIRC support to scientific meetings

Free sponsorship for meetings on cancer research

Requirements

The meeting takes place in Italy; the theme is inherent to cancer research; at least one researcher funded by AIRC is a member of the organizing committee; the speakers are high-profile scientists, Italian or international; AIRC is provided with the preliminary program of the meeting for evaluation.

Evaluation

The free sponsorship is established by AIRC CEO, following the evaluation of the Scientific Director. If the assessment is positive, the applicant will be provided with the AIRC logo which will have to be visible on the program, on flyers and brochures and on the meeting website.

Funding of travel fellowships for young researchers participating to scientific meetings on cancer research

Budget

A lump sum of about 50,000 Euros per year is allocated to the budget of the Scientific Director. The budget will be used to fund approved requests until money is available.

Each meeting may require travel and accommodation grants for young researchers under 40.

The maximum amount per fellowship can be up to 1,000 Euros and the maximum number of fellowships that can be assigned to a conference, usually no more than 3, is determined by the Evaluation Committee.

Any requests for contributions exceeding this amount, or special requests of liberal disbursement, shall require prior approval by AIRC Board of Directors.

Requirements

- the meeting is of very high scientific level and with its actions and results primarily benefits the Italian oncological research community;
- it takes place in Italy;
- it is organized by an Italian non-profit scientific organization or entity;

- the Scientific Committee of the meeting comprises high profile scientists, at least one third of which are international and at least one is funded by AIRC;
- the speakers are outstanding scientists in oncology, and the participation of foreign speakers is substantial;
- the meeting includes oral presentations by participants (selected from submitted abstracts), especially by young researchers. The selection criteria for oral submissions, abstracts and posters should be clearly specified and guaranteed by the Scientific Committee of the meeting.

Request to AIRC

The application letter written by the organizers of the meeting must include:

- the preliminary program, including a list of speakers, their acceptance letters and documentation of admission fees for the various categories of participants;
- the number of fellowships required and the merit-based criteria with which they will be assigned. These criteria must be clearly indicated, along with the conditions for being considered "young participants" (for example: PhD student, PhD or Post-doc with no more than six years experience after having obtained the PhD; under 40);
- the communication strategy that will be implemented to give maximum exposure to AIRC during the meeting and afterwards. Such strategy should include free admission to the meeting for the staff of AIRC Office of the Scientific Director; the possibility that a staff representative will briefly present the activities of the Foundation; the commitment of the organizers to provide AIRC access to the documents of the meeting; the prominent presence of the AIRC logo on the program and in the Book of abstracts; the presence of AIRC brochures at the meeting's location; the "AIRC Lecture" designation for talks supported by AIRC. Finally, the organizers must commit to work with AIRC during the preparation of the meeting, to ensure the visibility required by AIRC for its institutional purposes.

Evaluation

The application is analyzed by an Evaluation Committee which includes the Scientific Director and a member of the CTS chosen by the Scientific Director for competence and no conflicts of interest with the applicants.

Assignment of funds

The meeting's organizers will provide the AIRC Scientific secretariat with the list of candidates. The travel grants will be awarded by AIRC to the meeting's organization. The beneficiaries will have to write a short report (max 500 words) on the benefits obtained from participation to the meeting.

Funding for *Lectiones magistrales* on oncological research to be held in scientific meetings and outreach activities

Budget

A budget is not allocated for this activity. Each request positively evaluated by the Evaluation Committee must be previously approved by AIRC Board of Directors.

Requirements

- the meeting is of extraordinary scientific level and with its actions and results primarily benefits the Italian oncological research community;
- it takes place in Italy;
- it is organized by an Italian non-profit scientific organization or entity;
- the Scientific Committee of the meeting comprises high profile scientists, at least one third of which are international and at least one is funded by AIRC;
- the speakers are outstanding scientists in oncology, and the participation of international speakers is substantial;
- the meeting includes oral presentations by participants (selected from submitted abstracts), especially by young researchers. The selection criteria for oral submissions, abstracts and posters should be clearly specified and guaranteed by the Scientific Committee of the meeting.

Request to AIRC

The application letter written by the organizers of the meeting must include:

- the preliminary program, including a list of speakers, their acceptance letters and documentation of admission fees for the various categories of participants;
- the approximate amount required for travel, meals, accommodation and possible fees;
- the intended audience of the meeting;
- the communication strategy that will be implemented to give maximum exposure to AIRC during the meeting and afterwards. Such strategy should include free admission to the meeting for the staff of AIRC Office of the Scientific Director; the possibility that a staff representative will briefly present the activities of the Foundation; the commitment of the organizers to provide AIRC access to the documents of the meeting; the prominent presence of the AIRC logo on the program and in the Book of abstracts; the presence of AIRC brochures at the meeting's location; the "AIRC Lecture" designation for talks supported by AIRC. Finally, the organizers must commit to work with AIRC during the preparation of the meeting, to ensure the visibility required by AIRC for its institutional purposes.

Evaluation

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Assignment of funds

Funds will be provided as reimbursement based on the justification of the expenses incurred including any pre-authorized fees.

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