INNOVATORS AND DISRUPTORS IN HIV SCIENCE



INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EDUCATION

OVERVIEW

Independent Medical Education funding is provided for educational initiatives in a medical or scientific area (programs/events/activities) to increase the skills and knowledge of Canadian Healthcare Professionals (HCPs) who have the ability to impact Canadian HIV patient healthcare.

ELIGIBILITY

Requests must come from a Canadian organization of medical or scientific professionals or from a Healthcare-Related Organization (HCRO). This is defined as a private or public sector organization, institution, or association that is comprised of HCPs whose main objective is related to the treatment of illness or the provision of healthcare.

CRITERIA

- Content must be independently developed and aimed at increasing the skills and knowledge of Canadian HCPs for the purpose of improving the diagnosis or treatment of HIV infection, and/or enhancing the management/care of patients
- Educational initiatives that are either a series of recurring events (e.g., clinic rounds) or a post-conference event are encouraged to have multiple third-party sponsors
- Educational initiatives must not have already occurred
- Supported activities/items could include: speaker honoraria (provided that ViiV Healthcare shall have no role in selection of speakers for medical education); travel expenses for speakers/facilitators only; modest meals for participants during programs; audio visual equipment for use during training sessions; meeting room costs for programs held outside of the requesting institution/organization





FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Independent Medical Education funding cannot be used for:

- Speaker honorarium for a speaker who is part of the intended audience (i.e., employed by the same healthcare organization as the HCPs to whom the medical education event is directed)
- Travel and accommodation expenses for participants, including expenses associated with HCP attendance at national or international conferences
- First-class or business-class airfare
- Entertainment
- Gifts for faculty or organizers

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application form must include:

- ☐ HCRO profile and qualification
- ☐ Proposed title, start and completion dates
- ☐ Itemized budget that highlights expenses for which ViiV Healthcare funding will be allocated, if approved
- ☐ Agenda
- ☐ Target audience and expected size

APPLICATION DATES AND PROCESS

The Independent Medical Education program is available all year long. Independent Medical Education applications are accepted and reviewed as received throughout the year.

The application process is made through the SmartSimple online portal: viivhealthcare.smartsimple.ca. First-time users will need to register before logging in to submit an application.

It is recommended that applications be submitted at least 60 days prior to the start of the planned education initiative. ViiV Healthcare strives to process funding requests promptly; however, we cannot guarantee the completion of our review if the request has not been received within this time.

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