Health Disparities Network Travel Scholarship Award Application

2027 Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco Annual Meeting

March 3-6, 2027 | San Francisco, California

Application Deadline: September 21, 2026

The Health Disparities Network (HDN) of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT) invites applications for the 2027 SRNT HDN Travel Scholarship Award. The scholarship supports trainees and early career professionals (e.g., graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty) conducting nicotine and tobacco research, particularly work focused on health disparities and equity. Recipients receive support to attend and present at the SRNT Annual Meeting and participate in HDN professional development, mentorship, and networking opportunities.

Since 2007, the HDN Travel Scholarship Program has supported over 160 emerging investigators worldwide. We look forward to welcoming the 2027 cohort and highlighting their important research within the SRNT community.

What Previous Scholars Say:

"The [HDN] travel scholarship provided me with substantial financial support to attend SRNT's 31st Annual Meeting. With this support, I was able to present the results of two projects…, learn about emerging tobacco cessation and control work…and network with researchers from across the globe. Having this opportunity significantly contributed to my professional development and enhanced my career trajectory." **– 2024 Scholarship Recipient, Ammar Siddiqi**

"*Presenting my first PhD-related study…was a major milestone in my research journey. A highlight was the [HDN] Coffee Meet-Up, learning from the group and receiving the award certificate in person was very meaningful.*"
– 2024 Scholarship Recipient, Luz Angela Torres López

Eligibility:

- Be a graduate student, postdoctoral fellow, or junior faculty (e.g., assistant professor, instructor, or equal rank)
- Have an interest in nicotine and tobacco research, and be committed to the mission of SRNT, and
  - Be from an underrepresented or disadvantaged group; OR
  - Conduct health disparities or health equity research (includes those from non-disadvantaged backgrounds)
- Have submitted an abstract for the 2027 SRNT Annual Meeting. *Scholarship receipt is contingent upon abstract acceptance*
- If selected, attend at least one HDN event during the Annual Meeting
- If selected, complete the SRNT membership application (first-time members may be eligible for complimentary membership)
- Not be a previous HDN Travel Scholarship recipient

Additional Requirements: Applicants affiliated with a US-based academic institution must reside at least 50 miles outside the San Francisco area to receive travel-expense support. International applicants must be affiliated with an academic or research institution in a World Bank-designated low- or middle-income country (LMIC).

Scholarship Support and Expectations: Award amounts and the number of scholarships vary each year. Preference will be given to those without other sources of conference travel funding. Scholarships are intended to offset costs associated with airfare, lodging, conference registration, and membership. The final terms of the scholarship will be communicated upon notice of award.

Recipients are expected to participate in HDN activities during and after the conference, including the virtual HDN meeting, HDN Coffee Hour, and It's Just Coffee networking event. Dates and details will be announced later.

How to Apply: CLICK HERE TO APPLY. You must submit: a brief personal statement; a CV/resume/biosketch; the title of the submitted abstract (full abstract if available); and the requested information in the application form.

Questions may be directed to Dina M. Jones, PhD, MPH, HDN Scholarship and Development Subcommittee Operations Coordinator, at *dinamjones@uabmc.edu*. Full application link: https://forms.gle/pAZ9H3g4i5RevAKX6.

The Scholarship and Development Subcommittee of the SRNT Health Disparities Network
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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need an accepted abstract to receive the scholarship?

Yes. Scholarship recipients must have an abstract accepted for presentation at the 2027 SRNT Annual Meeting. Applicants may apply while their abstract is still under review, but receipt of the scholarship award is contingent upon the abstract being accepted.

2. Can previous Travel Scholarship recipients apply again?

No. Individuals who previously received an HDN Travel Scholarship are not eligible to apply again.

3. Can applicants who live in or near San Francisco apply?

Yes. Applicants must live at least 50 miles outside the San Francisco area to receive travel-expense funding. Local applicants may still be considered for assistance with registration or other eligible conference-related expenses.

4. Are rapid-response abstracts eligible?

No. Abstracts submitted through the rapid-response process are not eligible for this scholarship.

5. How much funding will each recipient receive?

The number of scholarships and individual award amounts for 2027 have not yet been finalized. Award amounts vary based on eligible travel and conference expenses, including travel distance, airfare, lodging, registration, and membership; available program funds; and other funding available to the applicant. For reference, individual awards last year ranged from $420 to $3,000. Final award amounts and covered expenses will be specified in each recipient's award notice.

6. What happens if I receive a scholarship but cannot attend the conference?

Recipients who cannot attend as planned must notify the program promptly. Any scholarship funds already provided must be returned to SRNT.

7. When will applicants be notified?

Applicants are expected to be notified in early December, after regular abstract acceptance decisions have been confirmed.

8. What are the HDN social and networking events?

Scholarship recipients will participate in several HDN activities during and after the conference, including the virtual HDN meeting, the in-person HDN Coffee Hour, and the It's Just Coffee networking event. These events are designed to help scholars meet other recipients, connect with mentors and senior investigators in nicotine and tobacco research, discuss research and career goals, and become more involved in the HDN community. Dates and additional details will be provided to recipients.