

Travel Awards for VPH2014 Conference

The VPH INSTITUTE has established 5 Travel Awards of 400 € (tot. of 2.000 €) with the purpose of allowing young researchers to participate at the VPH2014 conference, with priority to researchers from countries with low income (based on GDP per capita)¹.

1. Eligibility

1.1.1 Any young researcher who:

- a) is undertaking a post-graduate training in related disciplines, or has obtained his/her post-graduate degree in the last five years,
- b) presents a promising research career,
- c) has an accepted paper for the upcoming VPH Conference as oral or poster presentation.

1.1.2 The applicant must be a VPH INSTITUTE member in good standing. If you are not a member, please check our membership categories on: <http://www.vph-institute.org/membership.html>

1.1.3 Applicants with Award Committee members as co-authors on the abstract are not eligible.

2. Award Committee

The Award Committee is formed by:

- a) The VPH Institute Executive Director: Prof Marco Viceconti (University of Sheffield)
- b) The VPH2014 Conference Chair: Prof Stig W. Omholt (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)
- c) External member: Prof Liesbet Geris (University of Liège)

All the administrative aspects will be managed by the VPH Institute manager, Martina Contin (manager@vph-institute.org)

3. Application

3.1.1 Applicants should send their request for a travel award to Martina Contin (manager@vph-institute.org). Applications will be accepted **untill Tuesday the 22nd of July**. As the poster submission will close on July 20th, poster applicants can send their travel award application before the closure of the abstract selection. It will be a responsibility of the Committee to consider valid only the applications of the acceptor poster.

¹ More information on: <http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD>

3.1.2 Applications must include:

- a) a cover letter, carrying the following information: applicant's full name, address, nationality, age, VPH INSTITUTE membership status, information concerning his/her present position, name of his/her present institution.
- b) a second Letter in the form of a 200-word-statement to show the student's motivation. This letter must state: (1) why they wish to apply for it; (2) what would be the benefit for the student; (3) how crucial it is to have to the travel award for participating to the conference. The financial need will play a crucial role in deciding who finally gets this award if there are more candidates than the number of awards to be handed out.
- c) the officially submitted paper for an oral or poster presentation, in which the applicant is the presenting author to the VPH Conference;
- d) the applicant's curriculum vitae.

4. Selection

4.1.1 The final selection of the awarded applicants will be made by the Committee based on the following criteria:

- a) The motivated financial need of the applicant;
- b) The CV of the applicant;
- c) The relevance of the research subject of the accepted abstract for the VPH research community at large.

5. Winners announcement

The revision process will be finalized by the end of July. Applicants will be informed about the winners by email, as well as by an announcement on the Conference website.

The award presentation will take place during the Closing Ceremony of the Conference or the Banquet according to a protocol decided by the Conference organizers. At the Ceremony winners will receive a certificate and an amount of 400 € (provided via bank transfer by the VPH Institute), which are expected to be used for travel, accommodation and living expenses during the VPH2014 conference.