



GUMS CONFERENCE SUBSIDY SCHEME – INFORMATION SHEET

Introduction

In keeping with the GUMS Mission Statement:

'To foster and enrich the educational and social environment of students enrolled in the MBBS degree at Griffith University'

GUMS is proud to offer financial assistance to GUMS members who wish to attend a medically-themed academic conference through the GUMS Conference Subsidy Scheme. They are designed to help ease the financial burden of academic conferences, as the prices, even for student registration, can often put the conference out of reach.

Two separate grants exist within this program (see below). Grant 1 will cover conference registration costs of up to \$750.00, whilst Grant 2 will cover conference registration costs up to \$200.00 OR 50% of the registration cost, whichever is smaller. All GUMS members are able to apply for either or both grants (note that Grant 1 has a STRICT application date!) however members are only able to receive one grant (i.e. if you are the recipient of Grant 1 you are therefore ineligible to receive Grant 2 for the remainder of the academic year).



Grant 1

This grant will cover full registration costs for the recipient up to the value of \$750.00 for any medically-themed academic conference. There is only one of these available per academic year. The application conditions are:

- i. Students must be an existing GUMS member prior to lodgement of application.
- ii. Students are only able to lodge one (1) application for Grant 1 per academic year.
- iii. Students are required to write an essay (500 word maximum) that addresses one of the two following topics:
 - a. Outlines how this specific conference will assist their medical education, OR
 - b. Outlines how this specific conference will improve their future medical career.
- iv. All essays will be de-identified and shortlisted by the GUMS Executive and the winner selected by a panel including a member of the GUMS executive and Academic staff from the Griffith School of Medicine. Should any member of the GUMS executive apply for this grant they will be excluded from the entire judging process.
- v. All essays are required to be submitted either electronically or in hard copy to the GUMS Academic Representative no later than February 28 of the Academic year.
- vi. The subsidy will be paid via a cheque upon presentation of 2 items to the GUMS Executive:
 - a. A receipt for the conference, and
 - b. A written report about the conference, which may be published in the GUMS publications (Fistula and MRSA) or on the GUMS website (www.gums.org.au)
- vii. Students are able to submit one (1) application for Grant 1 and apply for Grant 2 within a single academic year, but if you are the recipient of either Grant you cannot receive any further grants from GUMS for the remainder of that year.
- viii. AMSA Convention is excluded from application.



Grant 2

This grant will cover up to \$200.00 or 50% of the registration fees (whichever is smaller) for a medically-themed academic conference. GUMS has multiple Grant 2s available to its members: GUMS will continue to consider and approve applications for this grant until the allocated funding for the year has been exhausted. This will vary from year to year.

The application conditions for Grant 2 are:

- i. Students must be an existing GUMS member prior to lodgement of application.
- ii. Students are only able to be a recipient of one grant per academic year.
- iii. The application process for Grant 2 is to complete the following form and submit it to the GUMS executive at least 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the conference. Therefore this grant can be applied for and received at any stage during the year until the funding allocation is exhausted.
- iv. If approved, the applicant will be informed within seven (7) days.
- v. The subsidy will be paid via a cheque upon presentation of 2 items to the GUMS Executive:
 - a. A receipt for the conference, and
 - b. A written report about the conference, which may be published in the GUMS publications (Fistula and MRSA) or on the GUMS website (www.gums.org.au)
- vi. The subsidy amount paid will be either 50% of registration costs or \$200, whichever is less.
- vii. AMSA Convention is excluded from application.

If you have any questions or queries about the GUMS Conference Subsidy Scheme they can be directed to the GUMS Academic Representative (academic@gums.org.au).

We look forward to helping you pursue your academic interests.

Jana Westerhof
GUMS Academic Representative 2010



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Name:

Phone number:

Year of study:

Email address:

Name of Academic Conference you wish to attend:

Organisation behind conference:

Location:

Dates:

Registration cost:

Reason for attendance:

I agree to:

- ✓ Represent Griffith University medical students in a responsible manner
- ✓ Provide a written report to GUMS outlining my experience at the academic conference in a timely manner and I understand this report will be uploaded on the GUMS website
- ✓ Provide GUMS with a copy of proof of payment for attendance at the conference
- ✓ Attach an essay on one of the topics outlined in the GUMS Conference Subsidy Information Sheet (if applying for grant 1)

Signed

Name

Date