

Patient Engagement Platform Patient Partner Conference Travel Award

The Patient Engagement (PE) Platform provides support and resources to assist both researchers and patients to undertake meaningful engagement across all stages of the health research process. We are one of seven Platforms of the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit actively supporting patient-oriented research.

We define patients as individuals with personal experience of a health issue or with the health care system, including informal caregivers, family, and friends. The PE Platform assists patients to become Patient Partners. A Patient Partner is a member of a research team and a valuable contributor to meaningful decision making in health research.

This award was developed to support Patient Partners in presenting or co-presenting findings from research studies, participating as speakers on panels, or collaborating in delivering workshops at conferences. Costs that may be covered include conference registration fees, airfare or ground travel, and accommodation. Other costs may also be considered.

Award Value

Awards will be one-time-only and up to maximum of \$2,000.00 per Patient Partner. Reimbursement will be guided by Athabasca University's Travel Reimbursement Guidelines.

Eligibility

Those applying for the Patient Partner Conference Travel Award may need to provide:

- the conference, workshop, or event title, and a description of the scope and audience;
- an abstract or confirmation of the event in which the patient partner is invited to collaborate;
- an indication of which aspects of Patient Oriented Research (POR) their research applies to including 1) engages patients as partners; 2) focuses on patient-identified priorities; and 3) has the potential to improve patient outcomes;
- confirmation of conference registration; and
- a budget for the cost of travel and accommodation (as required).

Process

Award applications will be assessed by PE Platform Staff based on the eligibility criteria identified above. The level of financial support will be determined, and a brief rationale for the decision will be provided to the awardee. PE Platform staff will contact the applicant should additional information be required.

Evaluation

By agreeing to accept the travel award, the successful applicant agrees to provide the PE Platform with a summary of the event and the ways in which the Patient Partner Conference Travel award supported the dissemination of knowledge or added value to the conference experience, while advancing the science of patient engagement. This summary may include information about the number of conference or workshop attendees. We will contact you to assist with your summary, and will appreciate your feedback on your award experience.

For questions about and to apply for this award, please contact Ingrid Nielssen, PE Platform Assistant at **(780) 492-1481**, or email inielssen@athabascau.ca.

Patient Partner Conference Travel Award Application Form

Applicant Name _____

Mailing Address (FULL) _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Title of Event/Conference/Workshop _____

Attach Copy of Registration Confirmation

Attach Proof of Abstract Approval

How does your participation promote the following pillars of Patient-Oriented Research (POR)?

Engages patients as
partners

Focuses on patient-
identified priorities

Has the potential to
improve patient outcomes

Anticipated Budget Costs

I. Travel \$_____ (Fill in below as applicable)

Transport	Units	Cost per Unit	Total Cost
Mileage	kms	@ \$0.48/km	
Airfare			
Ground Travel			

II. Accommodation \$_____

Accommodation	Nights	Cost per night	Total Cost
Hotel			
Other			

III. Conference registration fees \$_____

IV. Parking \$_____

Parking	Date Range	Total Cost
Parking		

TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT TO:

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