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CAHR Policy on Proof of Student Status at the Annual Canadian Conference on HIV Research

At its planning meeting in November 2007, CAHR Council (Board of Directors) adopted the following policy for Conference participants requesting student benefits, to provide proof of student status in advance of Conference registration. This policy is authorized for publication as part of Conference information for delegates and as a standing policy on the CAHR official website.

Background

CAHR provides access to programs and services that benefit or assist students in participating in the Annual Canadian Conferences on HIV/AIDS Research (commonly referred to as CAHR Conference). These benefits include preferential (reduced) conference registration fee; opportunity to apply for scholarship; and New Investigator Awards program. Related to this is the reduced fee for CAHR membership for students.

Policy Objective

This policy is intended to ensure a consistent, transparent and fair approach for acceptable proof of student status, and thereby minimize potential abuse and administration workload related to processing related documentation.

Policy Statement

The provision of acceptable proof of student status is required in advance of acceptance in, consideration for, or approval or disbursement of any benefits available in conjunction with CAHR Conference or CAHR membership.

Student status includes high school, university (undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate studies), post-doctoral and other research fellowships, internships, residencies, technical school or college, or other professional or apprenticeship training programs.

Student status includes any field of study, and is applicable to researchers and community members alike, and is not limited to HIV/AIDS education, research or learning.

Failure to provide acceptable proof of student status will result in cancellation or refusal of access to benefits and privileges.

Acceptable form of proof of student status is determined by the Executive Director, in consultation with the Secretary and the Treasurer of CAHR Council, the professional conference organizer and the conference chair/co-chair.

Valid photo identification from the educational or research organization in question will normally serve as acceptable proof. Other identification and documents may be accepted as determined by the Executive Director.

False statements or information provided in support of an application for student status or benefits at the Conference will result in immediate revocation of Conference registration and status for related programs, without refund. Further, registration at future CAHR Conferences may be prohibited for a period of up to five years.

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