Applying for an International or Media Scholarship

Scholarship applications were accepted from 5 December 2013 to 13 February 2014. All scholarship applicants were notified of their application status in April 2014.

Types of Support

Scholarship applicants were able to request a full or partial scholarship through an online application system.

A full scholarship included:
- Registration fee for the conference (includes access to all sessions and exhibitions);
- Travel (pre-paid airfare at the lowest fare available, from the nearest international airport);
- Accommodation (shared in a budget hotel or dorm for the days of the conference);
- Modest daily living allowance for the duration of the conference (20-25 July 2014, USD 55 per day).

A partial scholarship included any combination of the above.

Application Criteria

Applications were open to anyone working in the field of HIV. All applications were made on the same online, profile-linked application form, which was available in English.

Most of the questions asked on the application form were related to personal details and work experience. There were also other questions which asked for further details regarding the applicant's organization, occupation or involvement in the field of HIV, motivation to attend the conference and how the applicant's organization or community would benefit from the scholarship.

International scholarship applicants were asked to submit a letter of recommendation after completing the scholarship application. No international application was considered without submission of the letter of recommendation.

Abstract presenters, workshop facilitators and programme activity organizers were also asked to link the application to the submitted abstract(s), workshop(s) and/or programme activity(-ies). Instructions on how to do this were detailed within the application.

Media scholarship applicants were asked to provide media accreditation and supporting documents, along with the letter of recommendation. No media application was considered without submission of the required supporting documents.

Overview of AIDS 2014 Scholarship Statistics

Over 7,200 applications were received from 181 countries, from all areas of the HIV field.

The applications were thoroughly screened by the International Scholarship Department to ensure that they met the minimum requirements.

A total of 460 recipients were awarded a full or partial scholarship were from the pool of applicants based on recommendations and criteria established by the AIDS 2014 Conference Coordinating Committee (CCC), the Scientific Programme Committee (SPC), the Workshop Working Group and the Global Village and Youth Programme Working Group. The CCC charged a Scholarship Review Committee with overseeing the selection process and the overall distribution, as well as reviewing the top-scored general applications.

The majority of scholarships were offered to delegates who would directly contribute to the conference programme through an abstract, a workshop and/or a programme activity. A small number of media representatives were also funded to attend both the conference and a pre-conference briefing. In addition to these groups, priority was given to women, PLHIV and young people.

We would like to thank the members of the committees and working groups who helped shape the scholarship programme this year.
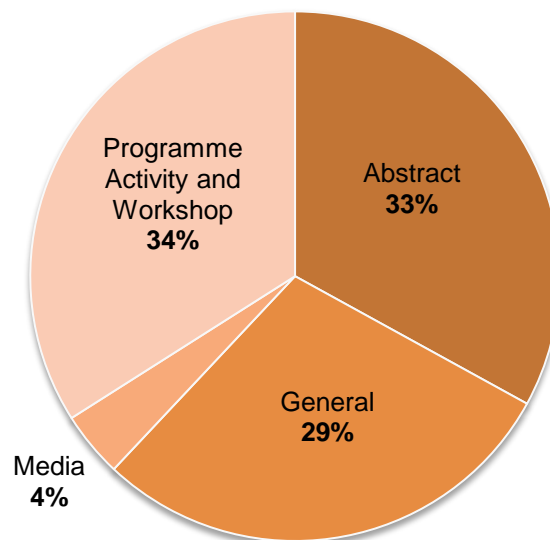
The following is a breakdown of how the scholarship budget was allocated.

Figure 1. Scholarship Budget Allocation by Geographic Region

Latin America and the Caribbean **11%**

North America **10%**

Africa **34%**

Europe **5%**

Eastern Europe and Central Asia **10%**

Asia and the Pacific Islands **30%**
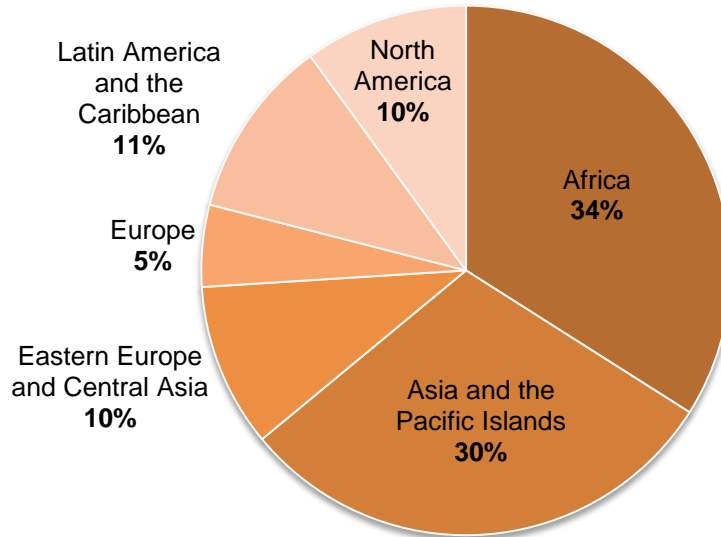
Figure 2. Scholarship Budget Allocation by Type

Programme Activity and Workshop **34%**
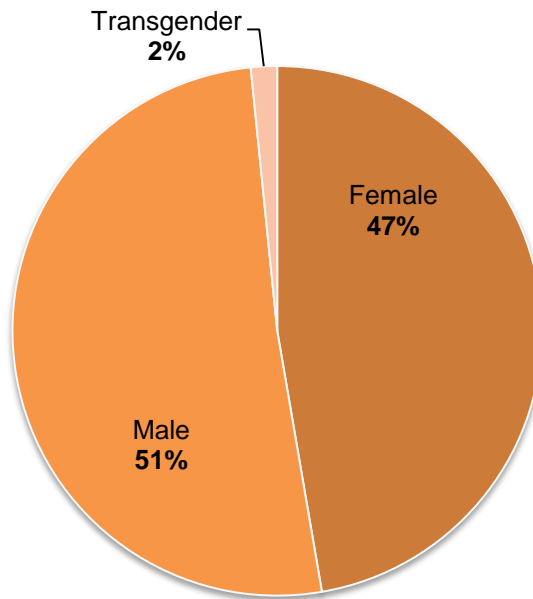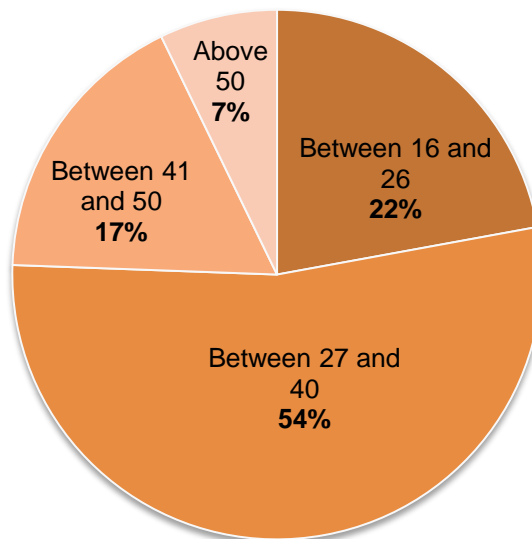
Abstract **33%**

Media **4%**

General **29%**

Figure 3. Scholarship Budget Allocation by Gender

Figure 4. Scholarship Budget Allocation by Age

Figure 5. Scholarship Budget Allocation by HIV Status