HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme terms and conditions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

HIV Science Geneva 2027 comprises HIVR4P 2027, the 6th HIV Research for Prevention Conference, taking place from 10 to 12 July 2027, and IAS 2027, the 14th IAS Conference on HIV Science, taking place from 12 to 15 July 2027.

The HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme provides financial assistance to selected applicants from around the world to attend HIVRP 2027 and IAS 2027 in person. The programme is intended for individuals who would otherwise not have the financial means to attend these conferences. It supports applicants who contribute to the conference programme, as well as those who can demonstrate that they will transfer the skills and knowledge acquired at the conference to the work they undertake in their own organizations and communities.

Eligibility

The HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme is open to anyone working, volunteering or studying in the area of HIV and who is at least 18 years old on 9 July 2027. Priority will be given to:

- Applicants from low- and middle-income countries
- Applicants who are part of key populations and people living with HIV
- Young people and young investigators below the age of 35
- Applicants who did not previously receive an IAS scholarship
- Abstract presenters whose submissions have been accepted for presentation at either conference

Scholarship recipients must be available to attend **both** HIVR4P 2027 and IAS 2027 and any activity targeted at scholarship recipients related to the conference. Please note that scholarship recipients are expected to arrive in Geneva on **9 July**, attend both conferences in full, and depart on **16 July**.

Application process

The application process is entirely free. Application forms must be completed in full and in English to be considered. Supporting documentation must also be in English.

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, 20 January 2027, 23:59 Central European Time (CET).

Please submit only one online application form. Multiple submissions from the same person (even using different email addresses) will result in all applications being discarded. Identical or partially identical applications will be considered fraudulent and will also be discarded.

Applications generated entirely by an AI tool will be considered invalid.

You may save your application as a draft and return to complete it later. However, to be considered, the full application (including the letter of recommendation) must be completed and submitted by 20 January 2027, 23:59 CET.

All applicants will be notified by email about the outcome of their application by the end of March 2027. Successful applicants will have 10 days from the date of the notification email to accept their scholarship offer. Please ensure that you accept within this timeframe so that IAS – the International AIDS Society – can proceed with the necessary logistical arrangements for your participation.

By submitting an application, applicants agree that an anonymous version of their application will be shared with HIV Science Geneva 2027 scholarship reviewers.

Attendance type and visa requirements

We strongly encourage you to review Switzerland's entry requirements and ensure that you comply with them. If you require a visa to enter Switzerland, you will be responsible for applying for the visa, allowing sufficient time for processing of the application, and ensuring that you meet the visa application requirements, including providing full and correct documentation.

If you are selected for a scholarship, the IAS will provide supporting documentation for your visa application, including a scholarship award letter and a letter of invitation.

Scholarship recipients' registration details may be shared with the Swiss immigration authorities to assist in the immigration process. However, please note that the decision to grant a visa lies solely with the Swiss government, and the IAS will not directly contact embassies and consulates on behalf of delegates.

If the IAS changes the conference format to fully virtual due to events beyond the control of the IAS, all in-person scholarships will be converted to virtual scholarships.

Scholarship benefits

Please note that not all of the financial support requested (registration, travel, accommodation and daily living allowance) may be granted. Full scholarships will be awarded in a limited number of cases.

The HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme will not reimburse any costs you have incurred prior to receiving a scholarship. Therefore, you are advised to avoid pre-booking

accommodation or flights or registering for the conference if you have requested this type of financial support in your application. If you are selected for the scholarship and the full financial support you requested is granted, we will not be able to reimburse you for these costs.

All applicants who completed an application but were not granted a scholarship will be able to register for the conferences at the early registration fee for two weeks after the results are announced.

Participation in the conference programme

General delegates or abstract presenters who need support to attend HIVRP 2027 and IAS 2027 may apply for a scholarship.

If you are submitting an abstract on behalf of someone else, please make sure that they apply for a scholarship before 20 January 2027, 23:59 CET. The abstract presenter must use the same email address in the abstract submission and in the scholarship application so that the two can be linked. This scholarship is connected to the abstract presenter. If the abstract presenter changes, the scholarship is cancelled unless a request is made to transfer the grant to the new presenter. The deadline to request this transfer is 1 June 2027. If the abstract is withdrawn, the scholarship is subsequently cancelled.

Conference embargo policy

All HIV Science Geneva 2027 abstracts are released to media under a strict embargo policy. A detailed breakdown of embargo procedures for different types of abstracts is available on the embargo policy page.

All delegates and media commit to adhere to this policy when they apply for a scholarship.

Data protection and sharing of contact details with third parties

The IAS will collect, process, transfer and store data subjects' personal data only for: (i) the preparation and execution of HIV Science Geneva 2027 (HIVR4P 2027 and IAS 2027); (ii) the preparation of future IAS, AIDS and HIVR4P conferences; and (iii) reporting to the funders of the Scholarship Programme. Data protection is warranted in accordance with the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection (nFAPD) and the European Union General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Data subjects' personal data will be retained securely and accessible only on a need-to-know basis by duly authorized persons. For further information, please read the IAS data privacy policy.

The details of data subjects registering for HIV Science Geneva 2027 entered in the conference account – that is, full first and last name(s), date of birth, email, country of residence and healthcare professional status – will be shared with the following parties:

- Registration team, c/o K.I.T. Group, Germany
- Presentation support and app provider, c/o Key 4 Events, France

For scholarship recipients awarded travel and/or accommodation support, the IAS will share the personal data necessary to arrange and manage these services with its appointed travel agency and accommodation management provider.

Data subjects' details entered in the conference account and registration form (first and last name, date of birth, gender, passport number, nationality, country of residence and email) may also be shared with Swiss immigration and security authorities.

The contact details (full name, home address, participant type, email and healthcare professional status) of data subjects who have agreed to share their contact details when registering will be shared periodically with the following conference sponsors in countries where legislation might not ensure an adequate level of data protection:

- Gilead Sciences, USA
- Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corp., USA
- ViiV Healthcare, UK

The above-mentioned conference sponsors may use these contact details only to contact data subjects regarding activities during HIV Science Geneva 2027 or other communications that may be of related interest. Therefore, data might be passed on to third parties unless otherwise explicitly indicated by the data subject on the registration form.

In addition, certain contact details (full name, participant type, email, country, zip code and healthcare professional status) may be shared with conference sponsors using lead capture when data subjects voluntarily allow their badge to be scanned during the conference.

The data subjects who have agreed to receive satellite sessions and exhibition-related communications when registering will periodically receive promotional emails related to satellite sessions and exhibition booths organized by third parties at HIV Science Geneva 2027.

The data subjects herewith authorize the IAS to collect, process and transfer their personal data to the above-listed third parties and authorities. The data subjects further expressly acknowledge and agree that any personal data disclosed in connection with the conference account and registration form will be subject to the laws of the country where it is transferred and may not be covered by Swiss law. The IAS cannot assure the data subjects that the laws and regulations in the recipient country will necessarily offer the same level of confidentiality or data protection as under Swiss law and may require the above-listed third parties and/or authorities to whom the personal data is transferred to disclose all or any part of the personal data to other authorities or third parties.

The IAS will nevertheless contractually ensure that data subjects' personal data will be processed by the above-listed third parties and authorities to the same extent as it is authorized for itself under the nFADP and the GDPR. The IAS will also ensure that all third parties that will process data subjects' personal data have implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures to protect data subjects' personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration and unauthorized disclosure or access, and which provide a level of security

appropriate to the risk represented by the processing and the nature of the data to be protected.

K.I.T. Group will collect and store all personal data for the preparation and execution of HIV Science Geneva 2027 and will not use it for any other purposes.

During the registration process and the execution of the conference, the personal data of each data subject is processed. All personal data will be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection regulations, in particular, the GDPR and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG).

Personal data will not be forwarded to a third party unless in accordance with Art. 6 Sec 1 lit a-f GDPR: (a) express consent; (b) performance or conclusion of a contract; (c) fulfilment of a legal obligation; (d) protection of vital interests of the data subject or another natural person; (e) public interest or exercise of official authority; and (f) legitimate interest of the data controller and balancing of interests.

In the course of a data subject's participation in the conference, personal data may be processed by companies based incountries outside the European Union. The data subject consents to such data processing insofar as it is necessary for their participation and the full use of the conference services.

For further details on data processing, your rights about information and access to personal data and how to contact the data protection officer, please refer to the IAS data privacy policy.

Reporting to scholarship funders

The IAS is required to report to the funders of the HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme on how their funds were used. These funders include government agencies, foundations and private sector companies, and will be listed on the HIV Science Geneva 2027 website. For this purpose, the IAS may share scholarship recipients' name, country, organization and the type of support received with the relevant funder(s). Sensitive personal data, such as information about health, HIV status or key population information, is never disclosed.

Funders may use this information only to confirm how their funds were used and for their own reporting. They may not use it to contact you or for marketing purposes. Some funders are based in countries whose laws may not provide the same level of data protection as Swiss law, and government funders may be subject to laws on public access to information.

Use of AI technology for application screening

Please note that as part of the application screening process, the IAS may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to support the manual screening of applications. These tools may be used to help identify such issues as plagiarism, duplicated content, inconsistencies or other factors that may affect an application's eligibility ahead of the external review.

To facilitate this process, information submitted as part of your application may be shared with selected third-party AI service providers. The AI tools are used solely to assist with application screening and do not make final scholarship decisions, which remain subject to human review.

The AI service provider currently used by the IAS is **Claude (Anthropic)**. Its legal notices and terms of service are available here.

By submitting your application, you acknowledge and consent to the use of AI tools in the application screening process and to the sharing of your application data with the providers listed above for this purpose.

If you have any questions about how AI is used in the screening process or how your data is handled, please contact us.

Photo and video consent

In view of the fact that the events related to HIV Science Geneva 2027 will be filmed and photographed, you hereby agree that, by attending the conference, your image and/or voice may be recorded and published or broadcast through different media.

If you do not consent to close-up photography or close-up filmed material, please inform the photographer or videographer immediately during the event. Following the conference, you may also request the removal of your image from IAS communications by contacting media@iasociety.org.

Correspondence

Communication between the Scholarships team and applicants will happen primarily via email. Please check your email and spam folder regularly for updates from the IAS.

Please also consult the scholarships page and its FAQs. If any enquiries concerning your scholarship application are not addressed in the FAQs, direct them to scholarships@iasociety.org.

The information in your application will be treated as confidential, except as described in the section on reporting to scholarship funders.

Applicant declaration

By completing and submitting this application, I state that:

- All information provided in this application is accurate.
- I will notify the IAS Scholarship team if my employment, professional status or country of residence changes.
- I have obtained leave from my employer, or I am otherwise available to attend both HIVR4P 2027 and IAS 2027 in full, arriving on 9 July in Geneva and departing on 16 July, if awarded a scholarship.

- I will participate in the online evaluation of the HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme in the month following the conferences if awarded a scholarship.
- I will participate in the online impact survey of the HIV Science Geneva 2027 Scholarship Programme six months after the conferences if awarded a scholarship.
- I will ensure, to the best of my ability, that I meet the entry requirements for Switzerland, including any procedures for visa applications, if awarded a scholarship.
- I will take full financial responsibility for my travel changes in case I miss a flight due to circumstances that are not related to an emergency or an incident beyond my control (such as accident, sickness or force majeure) if awarded a scholarship.
- I agree to comply with the IAS conferences code of conduct if awarded a scholarship.

By submitting an HIV Science Geneva 2027 scholarship application, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and accepted these terms and conditions.