



Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center  
Emory/Georgia

Small Grant Mechanism Program Announcement  
**Post-TB Symposium TRAVEL ACCELERATOR AWARD**

**Introduction:**

The NIH-funded Emory/Georgia Tuberculosis Research Advancement Center (**TRAC; P30AI168386**) is excited to announce the launch of this special travel award to attend the 3rd Annual Post-TB Symposium in Stellenbosch, South Africa in 2025. The goal of this Accelerator Awards is to provide funding to allow an Emory/Georgia TRAC Early-stage investigator (ESI) interested in post-TB lung disease the opportunity attend the Post-TB Symposium.

**Funds for this special Symposium Travel Award are intended to be used to:**

- Support travel for an Emory/Georgia TRAC ESI to attend the **3rd International Post-Tuberculosis Symposium in Stellenbosch, South Africa, April 14-16, 2025.**
- **TRAVEL AWARD:** This award will provide up to \$4,000 to support an Emory/Georgia TRAC Early-stage investigator to travel the 3rd International Post-TB Symposium in Stellenbosch, South Africa from April 14-16, 2025.

**Application Submission:** All applications will be submitted Online via the link at the end of this document If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Sharling (lisa.sharling@emory.edu), TRAC Program Manager.

**FUNDS**

**TRAVEL Awards:** Funds can be utilized to support the cost of round-trip airfare, lodging, transportation, registration and per diem costs up to a maximum of \$4,000. For investigators from Emory, travel must be arranged using an Emory affiliated travel agency vendor. Additionally, all travel must follow Emory University travel policies including the use of an economy class ticket.

**Deadline:** November 18, 2024

**EXPECTATIONS:**

- Awardees will be required to submit a conference report using a template provided by TRAC.
- Awardees will be required to cite the Emory/Georgia TRAC grant number (P30AI168386) in any presentation made at the Post-TB Symposium.
- Awardees will be required to submit their updated NIH bio sketch and fill out an annual career survey to track their advancement in the field, as well as serve on the TRAC Developmental Core mock study section committee or serve as a TRAC Pilot Grant Reviewer in year following the award.



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**Eligibility:** All applicants must be an early-stage investigator (PhD student, post-doc, Fellows or Junior Faculty) at an Emory/Georgia TRAC member institution (US or international). Faculty with independent TB funding (NIH R01 or R01 equivalent) are not eligible to apply. See the following link for the NIH definition of an Early-stage investigator: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy-and-compliance/policy-topics/early-stage-investigators>

### **Application Process**

- Apply online: <https://form.jotform.com/242735449491162>
- Application Contents
  - Updated NIH Biosketch: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants-process/write-application/forms-directory/biosketch>
  - PhD students, post-docs and fellows must provide a letter of support from their Primary Research Mentor.
  - Response to following questions (the more specific the better):
    - Detail your interest in Post TB including any current or prior research in the area
    - Describe how attendance at the Symposium will help to advance your career in Post TB Research

**Emory/Georgia TRAC International Partners: Early-Stage Investigators** from any of

the institutions listed below are eligible to apply for this travel award.

- Aga Khan University East Africa, Kenya
- Armauer Hansen Research Institute, Addis Ababa University, and Ethiopian Public Health Institute, Ethiopia
- Centre of the AIDS Research Programme in South Africa (CAPRISA), South Africa
- Coptic Hospital, Kenya
- De La Salle Health Science Institute, Philippines
- Makerere University, Uganda
- National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (NCTLD) and National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (NCDC), Georgia
- National Health and Laboratory Services (NHLS), South Africa
- University of Cape Town (UTC), South Africa
- University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa