**Financial Hardship Grants for Study Group Leaders
to Attend MASCC Annual Meeting**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this grant program is to support the attendance of Study Group Chair or Vice-Chair to attend the MASCC annual meeting who demonstrate financial hardship from low income countries. The Chair or Vice Chair of a MASCC Study Group are welcome to apply for a travel grant of $1000 USD. No more than 2 travel grants will be rewarded in a given year.

**Requirements**

1. The applicant must be a current Chair or Vice-Chair of a Study Group.
2. Applicants must work and live in a country of limited resources (see Eligible countries list by clicking <http://www.mascc.org/eligible-country-list>
3. The applicant must complete an application (see below) that details leadership in carrying out activities of the Study Group during the current year. Examples include the following:
* Development and distribution of a member survey
* Development of a Study Group project
* Submission of an abstract detailing outcome of a Study Group project
* Identification of a research study with a written protocol for implementation
* Design and presentation of a seminar or workshop that addresses the Study Group topic area
* Coordination of a study that examines a topic relevant to the Study Group
* Creation of a feature for Study Group page on the MASCC website
* Publication of an article about activity undertaken by Study Group members
* Recruitment of new members to MASCC through Study Group activity
1. The applicant responds to requests from MASCC staff and Study Group members in a timely manner.
2. The applicant submits annual Study Group meeting minutes for posting on the MASCC website.

**Process**

* All applications must be submitted 8 weeks before date of the Annual Meeting.
* Applicants must have registered to attend the Annual Meeting.
* Applicants must indicate what other funding sources are available to them.
* A committee of Executive Board members and staff will review all applications.
* Grant recipients will be informed 4 to 6 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

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**Application for Study Group Leader Financial Hardship Grant**

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| Name |
| Study Group |
| Chair or Vice-Chair |
| Country in which applicant resides |
| Description of Study Group activity for the past year (250 words or less) |

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| Disclosure of other sources of financial support for attending MASCC annual meeting |
|  | Full coverage to attend the Meeting |
|  | Better than 50% coverage |
|  | Some coverage but less than 50% |
|  | No coverage to attend the Meeting |
|  | Have financial support of workplace  |
|  | Invited faculty for the Meeting |
|  | Have support by a grant, fellowship |
|  | Covered as speaker for satellite seminar |
|  | Other support received  |
|  | Using personal funds to attend |

**Agreement**

With my signature (or typed name) below, I declare that I am unable to attend the MASCC/ISOO Annual Meeting without the benefit of a travel scholarship.

Signature: Date:

Please return this form to:
Ruxandra Nedu, Associate Director

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