

## **ISPOR Travel Grant Supports HEOR Professionals from Low- and Middle-Income Countries**

The ISPOR Travel Grant is one of the many benefits offered to ISPOR members from [Low- and Middle-Income countries](#) to support their participation and engagement during the ISPOR annual conference in North America and Europe and biannual regional conferences in Latin America and Asia Pacific. Members are encouraged to visit the [ISPOR Travel Grant webpage](#) for more information including applications, eligibility criteria, and the nature of the ISPOR Travel Grant. We are currently accepting [applications](#) for ISPOR 2019 in New Orleans, USA. The application deadline is Monday, February 18, 2019.

During the application submission period for ISPOR conferences in 2018, there were over two hundred applications that were carefully reviewed by the ISPOR Conference Travel Grant Committee to choose 39 of the most qualified recipients of the ISPOR Travel Grant. 17 recipients from the EMEA region, 20 from the Asia Pacific region, and 2 from Latin America were given the opportunity to attend [ISPOR conferences during 2018](#).

ISPOR Conferences allow members to discover the latest developments in health economics and outcomes research (HEOR).<sup>1</sup> “The new methods which I obtained during this meeting will be very useful to design new practical approaches for implementation in our domestic health care system”, says Viktoriia Dobrova, ISPOR 2018 Travel Grant winner from Ukraine.

The knowledge acquired at ISPOR conferences is intended to be brought back to the ISPOR Travel Grant recipients’ regions to continue the development and impact of HEOR worldwide. Complimentary registration to ISPOR Short Courses are part of the award to develop such learning. Mamatha Murthy from India, ISPOR Asia Pacific 2018 Travel Grant winner

reflects, “ISPOR short courses offered a variety of basics to newer developments which has influenced me to adopt such work flow to improve the patient care in terms of economic and health benefit at my health care setting. I have been entrusted on learning and transferring this systematic knowledge on pharmacoeconomics to my students and colleagues and other health care professionals in my setup to initiate and extend it to patient care services.”

With thousands of attendees at each ISPOR conference, ISPOR Travel Grant recipients are offered a platform to network with peers and colleagues who are involved in HEOR globally. These new connections often lead to collaboration on future projects and initiatives. Saul Espinoza from Peru, ISPOR Europe 2018 Travel Grant winner says, “I was able to enrich my knowledge in Health Economics and Outcomes Research. I was able to present a study made in my region through a poster and I was able to keep relationships with people from different parts of the world. You have given me a great motivation to continue with this interesting branch of healthcare.”