

CTVD 2024 Meeting – Invitation to Apply to Attend

Dear colleagues,

The 2024 CTVD Annual Meeting will be held in-person at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle, WA **June 11-13, 2024** (the scientific conference will convene June 12-13, with our research community members and early career researchers meeting on June 11). These will be full days, with a dinner reception each night. We are **not** planning to offer the meeting in a hybrid format due to confidentiality concerns.

As in years past, we will be offering travel awards for ~30 early career researchers (ECRs) to attend the meeting and present a poster (the poster session will be held June 12); we regret this is the maximum number of ECRs we can accommodate. ECRs will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop on June 11 ('Essential Communication Tools' by Candace Bertotti). A small subset of the ECRs will also be invited to give podium presentations during the scientific portion of the annual meeting. **We are hoping to receive your ECR application!**

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ECR Application Process for the Annual Meeting:

CTVD will offer **travel awards** to ~30 early-career researchers (PhD students, postdocs and junior faculty) from a CTVD member institution to attend the CTVD Annual meeting at the Gates Foundation in Seattle, June 11-13, 2024. The awardees will be chosen based on quality of original, unpublished work of the early-career scientist, in an area relevant to TB vaccine discovery and development, described in an abstract. Applications and abstracts must be submitted in English and should include a title, authors, affiliations and a narrative that is not longer than 500 words. Please do not include any figures. **Applications open on January 16 and are due February 19, 2024 at midnight (PDT)**. Applications will be reviewed by the CTVD management team and awardees will be informed about their application status in early March. ECRs who are part of a CTVD member institution can apply here: <https://bmgf.sharepoint.com/sites/CTVD/SitePages/CTVDMeetings.aspx> If an applicant is not from a CTVD member institution, you may complete the attached application form and return it to Ksenia (Ksenia.koon@gatesfoundation.org).

Eligibility

1. The competition is open to PhD students, postdocs, and early career researchers who are part of a CTVD member institution. Eligible candidates have obtained their degree in the last 10 years or less.
2. There is no cap to the number of individual entries submitted from a CTVD member institution.
3. Entries previously presented in a professional society meeting are allowed as long as it has not been published. Please disclose both the venue and the date of the presentation at the time of submission.

If your application is selected, we will pay your air travel and hotel to attend the meeting. Because we have a hotel block and our travel team prefers to book air travel directly, *please do not make your own travel arrangements*. Please let Ksenia (Ksenia.koon@gatesfoundation.org) know if you have any questions on this process. We look forward to receiving your application!

Best regards,
Ann, Alison, Ksenia, and Meredith

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