

HealthForceOntario

Allied Health Professional Development Fund

Dear Health Professional,

We're very pleased to inform you that the **Allied Health Professional Development Fund (AHPDF)** is being offered once again for 2011/12.

The AHPDF gives members of nine allied health professions (like you) a chance to apply for as much as \$1,500 for professional development courses and programs. The fund is a HealthForceOntario (HFO) initiative that was created to help ensure the people of Ontario have access to the right number and mix of health care professionals.

How to apply:

You can find the application form at www.ahpdf.ca and on the website of your professional association or regulatory body. We can also send you an application form via email upon request. Please note that applications must be faxed, emailed or postmarked by **March 31, 2012**.

Frequently asked questions:

The following are responses to two of the most common questions we receive regarding the AHPDF application process:

Is funding guaranteed?

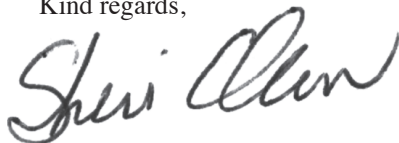
Unfortunately, due to the large number of applications each year, the program is unable to meet all requests for funding. While funding is not guaranteed, however, we want to make all eligible allied health professionals aware of this valuable reimbursement opportunity and we strongly encourage you to apply.

Can I make multiple submissions?

Yes, you can submit multiple AHPDF applications. Keep in mind, however, that the first application you submit will be given priority. This helps to serve the fund's goal of reaching as many allied health professionals as possible. **Multiple applications will be held until the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2012).** If there are funding dollars left over after all first applications have been considered, multiple applications may then be considered.

We encourage you to take advantage of this valuable opportunity by applying to the AHPDF fund. If you have any questions regarding deadlines, supporting documentation or anything else related to the program, please feel free to contact us at **905-602-6015** (toll free **866-992-6015**) or by email at info@ahpdf.ca.

Kind regards,



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Allied Health Professional Development Fund

Please see reverse side of page for news about other important AHPDF initiatives and resources that can help you in your career.

Allied Health Professional Development Fund News

Are you taking advantage of the Electronic Health Library?

The Electronic Health Library (EHL) is an online information resource that AHPDF is making available free of charge to practicing members of the nine eligible health professions. The library gives you fast, convenient access to the most recent health care literature to help determine the best approach to evidence-based practice.

If you have not yet had a chance to take advantage of this valuable online resource, we encourage you to do so today. You can access the library from the AHPDF website at www.ahpdf.ca.

Introducing 'Literature Search Webinars'

Beginning in May of 2011, introductory and advanced webinars were introduced to help guide allied health professionals through the process of conducting literature searches on the Electronic Health Library and to help increase the amount of full text results obtained in your searches. We will continue to offer these webinars going forward. Please visit our website for more details.

Thank you for participating in the Librarian Services Pilot

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the Librarian Service Pilot project, related to the Electronic Health Library. The pilot was initiated to help provide support to eligible professionals in searching for relevant literature in the library.

Please complete the Quality Assurance/Evaluation Survey

Each year, we incorporate a quick survey via the AHPDF website to help ensure we're providing you and your colleagues around the province with the highest level of service possible. We care about your opinions and your feedback and encourage you to complete the survey on the AHPDF website. And thank you to those who have already provided their feedback.

The 9 Eligible Allied Health Professions:

Audiologists

Dietitians

Medical Laboratory Technologists

Medical Radiation Technologists

Occupational Therapists

Pharmacists

Physiotherapists

Respiratory Therapists

Speech-Language Pathologists