

HealthForceOntario

Allied Health Professional Development Fund

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Dear Health Professional:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Allied Health Professional Development Fund (AHPDF) is being offered once again in 2009/2010. The AHPDF is part of HealthForceOntario's health human resources strategy to help ensure that Ontarians have access to the right number and mix of qualified health care providers, both now and in the future.

The available funding serves to increase access to professional development activities for health professionals to increase their leadership capacity and improve the overall care and services provided to the people of Ontario. Audiologists, Dietitians, Medical Laboratory Technologists, Medical Radiation Technologists, Occupational Therapists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Respiratory Therapists, and Speech-Language Pathologists are all eligible to apply this year.

For these professions, there are several points of interest to bring to your attention:

Funding is not guaranteed; especially for multiple applications. The pool of funding is limited and it is the intention of AHPDF to reach as many professionals as possible. For these reasons, while more than one application may be submitted, only the first will be considered at a higher priority.

Multiple applications will be held until the end of the fiscal year (March 31, 2010). Should funding remain after considering all first applications, these additional ones may be considered.

Access to the Electronic Health Library (EHL) has changed, to improve and simplify use. The overall fund website has also changed. You are invited to view the new site and visit the library at www.ahpdf.ca. If you previously had a log-in for the EHL, you will need to reset this information.

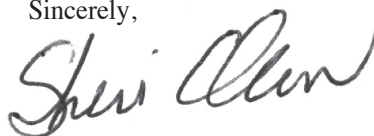
The online application provision is currently under review, to enhance user friendliness; updates regarding this option will be posted on the website as they become available. In the interim, applications can be mailed, faxed, or scanned and sent as an email attachment. You can download an application form from www.ahpdf.ca or request one be sent to you via e-mail. For your convenience, **an application form has been included with this letter**.

To save precious dollars for the fund, the application guide has not been included. It is available on the website and can be emailed to you upon request. It is also available on the website of your professional association and regulatory body.

Additional fund-related information is available on the AHPDF website to address frequently asked questions, as well as provide clear guidance for those in independent practice with their own business and for those who have paid for professional development activities in a different currency.

We encourage you to take advantage of the fund and the EHL. Should you have any questions regarding deadlines, supporting documentation, or any other matter related to the AHPDF feel free to contact staff during business hours at **905-602-6015** (toll free **866-992-6015**) or by email at info@ahpdf.ca.

Sincerely,



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