

TB Vaccine Advocacy Program

Description

The Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New Vaccines (WGNV) is seeking applications for a program to build the capacity and research literacy of advocates interested in TB vaccine research and development (R&D). Through this program, the WGNV will provide in person and online training opportunities for advocates to prepare them to effectively advocate and build support for TB vaccine R&D, and to broaden the network of advocates who are informed and engaged in this area. Five to six applicants will be accepted for this program.

The WGNV will provide:

- 1-2 in-person workshops (tentatively planned at the time of the Union Conference in Guadalajara and the Global Forum on TB Vaccines in New Delhi)
- Online training materials and support for participants
- Ongoing support for advocacy efforts
- Opportunity to participate in the 5th Global Forum on TB Vaccines (New Delhi, 20-23 February 2018)
- Opportunity to be part of the 5th Global Forum program and bring the community perspectives to discussions

Participants will commit to:

- Participating in online programs and in person workshops offered through this program
- Working with researchers to understand the scientific basis of vaccine design and evaluation
- Utilizing the knowledge and experience gained in this program to engage in advocacy for TB vaccine R&D, in their country, regional and global levels.
- Sharing the knowledge and experience they have gained in the advocacy community, and help engage other advocates in TB vaccine R&D.
- Supporting efforts to broaden the network of advocates who are knowledgeable and interested in TB vaccine R&D

Key Dates

The application deadline for this program is **31 July 2017**. Advocates selected for the program will be notified by **18 August 2017**.

Eligibility and Criteria

Eligibility for consideration for this program will be based on the following criteria:

- Applicant has advocacy experience in TB or other global health and human rights issues
- Applicant has a demonstrated interest in TB vaccine R&D
- Potential benefit of participation to the applicant, and potential contributions that the advocate will make to TB vaccine R&D
- Geography and gender, to allow for balance in gender and regional representation in this program



Process

To apply for this program, submit the following documents in PDF format by email to Jennifer Woolley at jwoolley@aeras.org no later than 11:59pm Pacific Time on 31 July 2017. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- Fully completed application form
- One page letter of support from a supervisor or from a supporting institution, on institutional letterhead, that states how participating in this program will benefit the applicant and his/her advocacy efforts, and strengthen advocacy for TB vaccine R&D.
- Current CV

If selected, participants will be provided with the policies and terms for participation and their responsibilities as a participant. If the recipient does not agree with the terms, she or he may decline to participate in the program.