

Health Quality Ontario

The provincial advisor on the quality of health care in Ontario

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Health Quality Ontario (HQO) acknowledges that costs incurred for travel and accommodation can impact patient and family advisors ability to attend *Health Quality Transformation* (HQT), on October 14, 2015. In order to overcome this potential barrier, as a first step advisors are encouraged to explore whether the organization they currently advise has any travel bursaries to provide assistance with this cost. Should this option not yield any assistance, HQO aims to offer a limited number of travel bursaries to enable patient, family, caregiver, resident or client advisors from across Ontario to attend HQT.

Travel bursaries will cover the cost of transportation (including accessible transportation) to and from the conference hosted at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON. Where transportation cannot be arranged in the same day, travel bursaries will cover one night of accommodation before or after the conference.

Eligibility:

Participants will be eligible for HQO funded travel bursaries if they:

- Are currently a patient, family, caregiver, resident or client advisor for a health organization in the province of Ontario.
- Live outside the City of Toronto (Greater Toronto Area considered outside the City of Toronto).
- Can commit to attending the full set of conference events (excluding breakfast or reception).
- Has a sponsoring letter from an organization they currently advise detailing a) the advisory role they play with the organization, and b) mention that they are not able to receive travel funding from the health organization they advise.

Additional Criteria:

In the event that more participants apply for travel bursaries than there are funds available, Health Quality Ontario, in consultation with the HQT Patient and Family Advisors Co-Design Committee, will select recipients for travel scholarships based on the following criteria:

- A 200 word statement on why they would like to attend the conference and what they hope to contribute.
- Priority for advisors from smaller organizations and organizations outside of large urban centres.
- Balancing geographic, linguistic, health experience and other diversity criteria to ensure there is representation from as many different parts of the health system as possible.

How Do I Apply?

Complete the following template letter ([click here](#)) requesting HQO support to attend the conference.

Process:

- All applications received by deadline (September 25th)
- Travel Bursary Assessment committee reviews applications against the travel criteria (September 28th)
- Notification of decisions on travel scholarships sent to all applicants (September 30th)