



Grants for Malagasy graduate students to attend the ATBC, 30 July to 3 August 2019, at the Ivato Conference Center

Association Vahatra (<http://www.vahatra.mg>), based in Antananarivo, is making funds available for selected Malagasy graduate students (Master's and Ph.D.) enrolled in the public university system or recently graduated and who would like to attend the ATBC. Grants made to individuals are to cover expenses associated with transport, registration, hotel, meals, poster printing, etc. These grants are competitive, reviewed by a panel, and any submitted applications lacking the required documents mentioned below will not be considered. All grantees are required to make a presentation (poster or talk).

Required elements for grant consideration

The following elements are needed to be included in the application packet:

- 1) Letter of motivation and why attendance of the ATBC is considered important in a professional sense (in English),
- 2) CV (English or French),
- 3) Title of poster or talk and short 200 word abstract (in English),
- 4) Letter of recommendation from university professor or research collaborator (in English or French),
- 5) Certificate of English capacity, preferred in the form of a diploma, or by telephone interview.

Other procedures

- 1) Grantees coming from provincial areas will be required to organize their transport to Antananarivo and no air travel will be reimbursed. Grantees will be required to advance funds for taxi-brousse costs for the trip to Antananarivo, food expenses en route, and taxi fare from the taxi-brousse station to a hotel near the conference center. Upon presentation of associated receipts to a representative of Association Vahatra attending the ATBC, these expenses will be reimbursed. At the end of the ATBC, grantees will be given the same sum for the return trip. In the context of their grants, award recipients are required to arrive in Antananarivo on 29 July (meeting starts 30 July) and return home on 4 August (meeting ends 3 August).
- 2) All grantees, including those living in the greater Antananarivo area, are requested to stay at the hotel near the conference center. Daily taxi or taxi-be fees will not be reimbursed. Those that decide not to stay at the hotel should inform Association Vahatra as soon as they have received notice of receiving a grant.
- 3) A hotel within walking distance to the ATBC meeting (Ivato Conference Center) has been booked for the grantees. No single rooms are available for student grantees.
- 4) Grantees will take breakfast and dinner at the hotel (at a fixed amount for each meal), that will be paid to the hotel by Association Vahatra. Lunch will be available at the conference center.

Submission and important dates

All applications should be submitted before: **20 March 2019**

Final decision and notification before: **10 April 2019**

All applications should be sent to associatvahatra@moov.mg

