OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEND YOUR AHA RESEARCH AWARD FUNDS

Whether you are just initiating your AHA research award or are contemplating a no-cost extension, the AHA offers flexibility for spending award funds while enhancing your career. You may use your funds to renew your AHA Professional Membership, attend virtual meetings and workshops, and submit abstracts.

Visit the AHA Research Policies and Awardee Hub for information especially for awardees!

Optimize Your AHA Research Award Funds to Renew Professional Membership

Did you know that you may use your AHA research award funds to renew your AHA Professional Membership? Active membership is a requirement for the duration of your award – but the benefits go far beyond! This budget allowance is especially helpful if you plan to submit a new application for funding near the end of your current award. Renew online or by phone at 301-223-2307 or 800-787-8984.

Options for Spending Travel Funds

In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic, travel funds may be used to attend virtual meetings and conferences or professional development activities, including online courses such as the two detailed below.

**Postdoctoral Fellowship Extension through Dec. 31, 2021** - The AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship requires that “a minimum of $1,500 per year must be spent on travel to a national conference (attendance at AHA Scientific Sessions is strongly encouraged).” Since travel and meetings have been restricted due to COVID-19, the AHA will allow postdoctoral fellows with awards that ended 12/31/2020 an additional year to spend their travel funds.

This is not a no-cost extension of the research project; it is approval to retain and use the funds designated for travel for up to one year. Travel funds not used by 12/31/2021 should be returned to the AHA.

**Spend AHA Research Travel Funds on Online Courses**

The AHA is offering two online courses to enhance your skills. Until the pandemic has ended, AHA research award travel budget may be used for personal development activities, including these:
Three highly interactive foundational lessons: Speak Plainly, Write a Great Lay Summary, and Turn your Lay Summary into a News Release.

Participants join a private LinkedIn group to share materials and support each other.

Check out this video preview!

Price: $99/$79 for AHA Members

Click here to purchase

A series of brief online courses, quick review articles, podcasts, and video recordings by AHA volunteers. Six modules: Team Science 101, Effective Communication, Leadership vs. Participation, Management Styles, Conflict Resolution, and Authorship.

View the overview video.

Price: $149/$119 for AHA Members

Click here to purchase

Abstract Submission & AHA Meeting Attendance (virtual and in-person)

AHA Research Award funds may be used to pay abstract submission fees and AHA Professional Membership fees.

We encourage you to submit abstracts to AHA’s Scientific Sessions and Journals.

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