



SHEA International Ambassador Program Program Goals, Eligibility & Benefits

Program Goals:

1. Build collaborative relationships between SHEA and professionals in infection prevention working abroad.
2. Expand international representation of leaders in epidemiology.
3. Expose international participants to SHEA scientific content.
4. Export SHEA-based expertise to resource-limited settings.
5. Expand international SHEA membership and create networks.
6. Build a cadre of potential collaborators and investigators for SHEA research and education projects.

Eligibility:

1. Nominees must be able to attend both meetings during their International Ambassador year:
 - a. SHEA Spring Training Course and Conference
SHEA 2012: Advancing Healthcare Epidemiology and Antimicrobial Stewardship
April 13-16, 2011 Jacksonville, Florida
 - b. IDWeek: A Joint Meeting of SHEA, IDSA, HIVMA and PIDS
October 17-21, 2012
San Diego, California

If attendance cannot occur for both events, the applicant will not be eligible.

2. Nominees must be active in the field of healthcare epidemiology.
3. Nominees must hold advanced healthcare degrees (MD, PhD, MBBS, MPH, MSN, or equivalent), OR have at least 5 years' experience working in healthcare epidemiology and infection control. Both trainees and faculty will be considered.
4. Nominees must work outside the United States and Canada.
5. Prior International Ambassadors are not eligible to reapply.

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The review panel will consider in its selection:

1. The extent to which the nominee will benefit from the instruction presented at the Spring Training Course and Conference and the ID Week.
2. The extent to which the nominee's participation in the program has the potential to advance the infection prevention activities at his/her home institution, community, or country.
3. The extent to which the letter of support and the nominee's essays clearly demonstrate his/her dedication to improving the practice of infection prevention and his/her seriousness in applying for the program.
4. Priority consideration will be given to applicants from countries with limited resources and to applicants who have been in practice between 5-15 years

Benefits:

1. Air and ground travel (coach), lodging, registration costs and small expense stipend for attending the two SHEA-hosted meetings during their ambassador year.
2. IDWeek/conference session recordings or equivalent.
3. One-year membership in SHEA.
4. Opportunities for networking and interaction with SHEA leadership during the meetings and through online networking as part of member portal MySHEA
5. SHEA letter to local Ministry of Health identifying recipient as International Ambassador and leader in the field in their country.
6. Opportunity to showcase a local project in SHEA newsletter and on program website.
7. Opportunity to develop and replicate educational content of SHEA in local setting with endorsement from SHEA.
8. When possible, opportunity to visit local healthcare settings in conjunction with meeting periods outlined above.