

FINAL REPORTING

- The administering body provides both the funder and the open community the names of those who benefitted as well as the companies that provided the grants.
- SA Heart® will do this on the SA Heart® website www.saheart.org
- MedTech regulations allow only for a final sum of grants received for any one event, and the companies contributing to the pool to be indicated.
- The sponsoring company or companies will all receive a full reconciliation.
- Money received for a particular event and not spent is then returned – or transferred to another congress's grant pool if the sponsoring company agrees.
- SA Heart® will acknowledge industry partners that have contributed to any meeting grants.

SA HEART® CRITERIA

In the event of unrestricted grants, SA Heart® will use the following criteria for delegate selection.

- SA Heart® paid up member
- Active participation within SA Heart®, SIGs, regional branches or wider cardio

vascular community (contributing committee member, trainer, speaker or other active involvement)

- Returned application for congress support
- Equity and diversity - underserved areas, specialty and gender
- Training status and / or experience
- Previous sponsorship(s) received (repeated year on year support to the same congress will only be considered in exceptional cases with relevant motivation)

SA Heart® believes that these criteria form a fair basis and encourage membership and active participation, in turn strengthening the cardiovascular community.



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Congress sponsorship

**Your SA Heart® guide to
delegate sponsorship after
MedTech regulations**



WHAT INFLUENCE HAS MEDTECH GOT?

Under MedTech regulations device companies subscribing to MedTech may no longer sponsor or support Health Care Professionals (HCP) directly to any third party congress.

HOW CAN INDUSTRY REMAIN INVOLVED IN SPONSORING DELEGATES?

- The effected industry companies may still give **educational grants** for delegate support to organisations e.g. congress organisers, medical professional organisations (like **SA Heart®**), hospital groups to support delegates to attend a conference.
- These grants can be **restricted** (the sponsoring company specifies criteria for the recipient profile eg. Nurse/techs or specialty **BUT** without specifying a candidate by name) or **unrestricted** grant, in which case the receiving /administering organisation may stipulate their own criteria to distribute the funds for delegate support.

WHO DO I APPROACH?

The South African Heart Association (**SA Heart®**) and its special interest groups have agreed that SA Heart® as mother body should apply to industry for support for

members to attend congresses of **general cardiology** (SA Heart, ESC, WCC, PASCAR, ACA). The special interest groups will apply to industry for support for their members to attend congresses relating to their specialty.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

- The educational grant receiving organization **must** call for applications mentioning whether restricted or unrestricted grants are available.
- Applications must be an open and transparent process.
- **SA Heart®** will call members to apply via an **online link** or approach relevant target groups in case of restricted grants received.

WHO DECIDES?

- **Grant allocation** occurs using the applications received and the criteria associated with either the restricted educational grant criteria set by the respective donating company or companies, or **SA Heart®** criteria for unrestricted educational grants.
- Any applicant may also be sponsored in part to afford more candidates the opportunity to attend while contributing in part to the overall expenses.
- The **committee** dealing with grant allocation administered through **SA Heart®** consists of:
 - Two representatives of the SA Heart® board of directors,

- one from each of its standing committees (Education, Fulltime Salaried Committee, Ethics and Guidelines and Private Practice committee),
- and within those representatives ensure a presence of adult (private and public) & paediatric cardiologists and surgeon,
- as well as an allied professional and basic scientist.

DOES SA HEART® GAIN?

- Grants whether restricted or unrestricted, are requested and ring-fenced for **one particular event**
- Money not spent **does not benefit the** receiving organisation, may not be transferred to other HCP not specified in the criteria or another event without the explicit consent of the donating company.
- Any **money not spent must be reimbursed** to Donor Company.
- Only a very limited amount (market value) may be used to manage the grant(s) and relating administration.

WHAT DO I DO?

- Apply timeously for any advertised grant
- Speak to companies that have previously funded you personally to provide grants to SA Heart®
- Get involved in SA Heart®!