

Scholarship Working Group (SWG) Workflow

Mandate of SWG:

The mandate of the SWG is to put forward recommendations on budget allocation and scoring criteria for all scholarship applications received (10,000 applications are expected for AIDS 2006). Correspondence with the SWG lasts 3-4 months from October – January and is predominantly by email. A few teleconferences may be called to discuss results and finalise decisions. No face to face meetings are planned.

There are 4 tasks for the SWG to complete:

- **Budget allocation:** how should the scholarship budget be divided amongst each region? Between abstract submitters and non-abstract submitters?
- **Type of support:** should all regions be entitled to the same level of support? (Airfare, accommodation, registration, per diem).
- **Recipient profile:** who are the ideal recipients of an international scholarship in terms of gender, HIV status, age, profession?
- **Scoring procedures:** should more points be given to certain professional activities, more experienced workers etc? These professional activities are taken from the scholarship application form currently online.

All SWG recommendations are approved by the Conference Organising Committee (COC) before being implemented by the IAS Scholarship Department. It is anticipated that 1,000 scholarships will be awarded for AIDS 2006.

The flowchart on the page below gives an overview of how the above process happens:

