



Special subsidy to attend the 14th ACN – Asian Congress of Nutrition 14-17 September 2023 in Chengdu, China

Aim of Special Subsidy

The Nutrition Society of Malaysia invites members to apply for a special subsidy to attend the 14th Asian Congress of Nutrition, recognising that some members may need financial support to attend this 4-yearly international conference. This is a continuing effort of NSM to assist our members to continue their professional development. This special subsidy shall be made available to eligible full members of NSM and postgraduate students.

General conditions

- Only Life or Ordinary members of NSM (the latter must have paid all membership subscriptions including 2023) are eligible to apply for this special subsidy.
- Members who joined NSM after 1 January 2021 are not eligible to apply.
- The applicants must have attended at least two NSM Annual Scientific Conferences AND participated in at least one NSM activity (eg. NSM AGM, NSM Seminars/Webinars) in the last 5 years (2018-2023).
 - Priority will be given to applicants who have volunteered in NSM activities (eg. NSM Roadshows 2.0, NSM webinars, Nutrition Month Malaysia).
- Members who will be receiving full sponsorship from their respective organisations or other sponsors shall not be considered for this subsidy. Those who obtain sponsorship at a later date should also inform the NSM Council and withdraw from obtaining this special subsidy.
- Considerations may be given to those who will be receiving only partial sponsorship from their organisations, but this should be declared in the applications. The amount of subsidy for these members will be reduced, to be decided by the NSM Council, depending on the amount of partial support received.

The selection of recipients of this special subsidy is solely at the discretion of the NSM council. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application around mid-June.

Application criteria

- a. Members in academia and research organisations
 - Only members who have submitted an abstract for oral or poster presentation in the 14th ACN may apply for this subsidy. Proof of abstract submission must be provided when applying for subsidy. Upon notification by the organisers, the applicant will be required to show proof of acceptance of the abstract. In the event that the submitted abstract is not accepted, the offer for subsidy shall be withdrawn.

b. Members in public health organisations (eg. Pegawai Sains Pemakanan)

- Only members who have contributed to/participated in all or some of the following areas of work may apply for this subsidy:
 - research projects and published papers
 - oral or poster presentations in scientific meetings/lectures/talks
 - write-ups for technical report/magazine/print or electronic media
 - innovation projects
- These should be clearly listed when applying for subsidy.

Amount of Subsidy

- The 14th ACN is expected to be organised in-person, in Chengdu, China. The amount of subsidy for each member is expected to be RM1,500 for full members and RM1,000 for postgraduate students.
- Nevertheless, the exact amount of subsidy shall be confirmed at a later date, depending on the available fund.

Application procedure

- All applications for the subsidy must be made using the prescribed Online Application Form via <https://forms.gle/c3rk7acXyTEUvdsW8> and **must be received by 14 April 2023**
- The application form must be accompanied by a statement of 100-200 words, describing:
 - Why do you feel that you should be provided with this subsidy, and
 - Please give your recommendations for the activities that NSM should prioritise in the future.
- Recipients of this special subsidy who wish to subsequently withdraw from the congress must inform the Hon. Secretary (secretary@nutriweb.org.my) immediately of this decision.

Note:

- Registration fee for NSM Members is the rate indicated for FANS members
- Members are encouraged to register for the ACN and pay the registration fee before 1 May 2023 to take advantage of the early bird rate of USD450.
- With the offer of this special subsidy, no seminar grants shall be given out through the NSM education grant for the 14th Asian Congress of Nutrition (ACN).
- There will be no group travel to be arranged by NSM for attendance at the 14th ACN. Members are to make arrangements for their own travel and accommodation.

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