

Travel Scholarships for Preconference Workshops



The Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) is proud to announce a limited number of travel scholarships to support attendance at three preconference workshops prior to APHL's infectious disease laboratory conference, ID Lab Con 2027.

Eligibility: Individuals who are planning to attend ID Lab Con 2027 and are interested in attending one of the preconference workshops are eligible to apply. *Individuals submitting an abstract are eligible to apply.*

Travel scholarships will cover: the cost of transportation to and from Atlanta, GA, lodging for the duration of ID Lab Con and conference registration. *If you are applying for a scholarship, please do not register for the conference or preconference workshop until scholarship awardee notifications go out.*

Application Process

Deadline: November 1, 2026

Awardee notification: November 30, 2026

Apply Now



Due to the limited number of scholarships, preference will be given to the following attendees:

- Attendees working in positions that deal directly with the workshop topic
- Attendees presenting posters at the conference
- Attendees presenting an oral presentation at the conference
- Attendees from organizations planning to implement new testing technologies or approaches related to these workshops

APHL will provide additional instructions on how to make travel arrangements and register for the preconference workshops and the conference after awardees are announced.

At this time APHL plans to select around 65 scholarship recipients, but if more funding becomes available, we will select additional applicants from this pool.

If you have any questions about completing the application, please contact Ashton Blair at id.conference@aphl.org.

Preconference Workshops

March 15, 2027 • Atlanta, GA • Hyatt Regency Atlanta
Duration: approximately 6 hours

Advanced Molecular Detection Workshop

The AMD Workshop will highlight innovative applications of advanced molecular detection in public health, with sessions focused on metagenomic sequencing, bioinformatics workflows, genomic epidemiology, and quality management. A poster session will feature the work across public health, academic, and industry partners.

From Protocol to Practices: Mastering Laboratory Validation and Verification Workshop

This interactive workshop will provide strategies for designing and documenting CLIA-compliant validation and verification studies across a range of testing scenarios, from FDA-cleared and approved assays to laboratory-developed tests (LDTs). Participants will explore approaches for assessing performance characteristics, determining fit-for-purpose study designs, and meeting regulatory and accreditation expectations through real-world examples and discussion.

Mastering Mold Identification Workshop

This workshop will focus on the practical identification of molds, including how to recognize key morphological characteristics and group molds based on distinguishing features. Through didactic instruction and visual examples, participants will build skills for recognizing and interpreting characteristics important to mold identification in the laboratory.

Respiratory Virus Surveillance Workshop

APHL and CDC will host this annual workshop, presenting an opportunity for public health laboratorians to network with each other and with CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases staff. Participants will learn more about topics such as national influenza and SARS-CoV-2 surveillance and discuss technical aspects of respiratory virus testing. *Requests for nominations will be sent to laboratory directors of participating jurisdictions shortly.*

About ID LAB CON

ID Lab Con is a biennial forum to address the latest developments in the detection and characterization of infectious diseases of public health concern. Public health laboratory professionals, clinical laboratorians, epidemiologists, leading researchers and diagnostics developers will come together at ID Lab Con to share their latest findings, technologies and developments.

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