

Professional Development

As a benefit of your fellowship, CSTE has allotted \$975 per year to defray professional development expenses. These funds are to be used for the purpose of travel to meetings or conferences, attending short-term training programs, purchasing of work related books, and attendance of classes intended to aid in work related projects. An example of an inappropriate use of funds is to pay for poster expenses and other general administrative expenses. The host state agency should be responsible for covering these expenses.

The funds must be used for activities that fall within the fellow's Plan of Action. CSTE also ***strongly encourages*** host health agencies to provide funds for fellow travel and training. CSTE communicates with all primary and secondary mentors, encouraging the health department to share the responsibility of supporting fellows to attend conferences, meetings, and reimbursement for in-state travel. Most years, funding is available for fellows to attend their program area conferences (MCH-EPI conference, ICEID conference, Environmental Health, Chronic Disease, etc). This funding, when available, is provided in addition to the professional development allowance.

CSTE encourages Fellows to speak with their mentors about the Conferences and other professional development opportunities that will provide the best training and professional development for the cost involved. Below are conferences that fellows have attended in the past and have recommended to other fellows as a good use of professional development funds. These are all CSTE approved uses of the professional development allowance.

Conferences

- o National Immunization Conference
- o Maternal and Child Health Leadership Epidemiology Conference
- o American Public Health Association Conference
- o Saratoga Springs Northeast Epidemiology Conference
- o National Birth Defects Prevention Network Annual Conference
- o Different State Public Health Association Conferences
- o Minority Women with HIV/AIDS Conference
- o National Environmental Public Health Conference
- o CDC Health Promotion Conference
- o BRFSS Conference
- o EIS Conference
- o SAS Conference
- o CDC Infectious Disease Conference (ICEID)
- o Michigan Epidemiology Meeting
- o Northeast Epidemiology Conference
- o Foodborne Disease Conference
- o Society for Epi Research
- o West Coast Epi Conference
- o Northwest Immunization Conference
- o ESRI- Quarantine
- o State and Territorial Injury Prevention Director's Association Conference
- o Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research

Other Appropriate Uses of Professional Development Funds

- o SAS/SUDAAN classes and certifications
- o Epidemiology and epi related books that will aid in professional development/serve as a resource (e.g. SAS, SUDAAN, program area epidemiology books, etc)
- o Short-term trainings/Table-Top exercises