

How the Simon Schot Applications Are Assessed

All eligible applications for the Simon Schot Education Grant are assessed using a fair and transparent scoring process.

Applications are reviewed using a de-identified assessment process, which means assessors do not see applicants' names or personal details. Each application is scored against the criteria below.

1. Relevance to Natural Medicine and Learning Goals

We look at how well the proposed education or training supports your development in natural medicine.

Applications score higher where:

- The activity is clearly related to natural or complementary medicine
 - The purpose of the education or professional development activity is well explained
 - The learning aligns with your current stage (student or accredited practitioner)
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2. Expected Benefit and Impact

We consider the practical benefit the education or professional development activity will provide to you and your professional development.

Applications score higher where:

- The outcomes are specific and realistic
 - You clearly explain what skills, knowledge, or competence you expect to gain
 - There is a strong connection between the education or professional development activity and improved practice, study, or professional growth
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3. Access and Financial Impact

We assess how the AU\$500 grant will assist you to undertake the education.

Applications score higher where:

- The grant will meaningfully help cover essential costs (such as registration, materials, travel, or supervision)
- You clearly explain why this financial support is important at this time



- The grant enables access that may not otherwise be possible
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Scoring Approach

Each application is scored on a 1 to 4 scale for each criterion, where:

- 1 = Limited information or weak alignment
- 4 = Clear, strong, and well-explained alignment

Scores across all criteria are combined, and grants are awarded to the highest-scoring eligible applicants.

Additional Notes

- Only one application per person is permitted in each grant round.
 - Applicants who received a Simon Schot Education Grant in the previous round are not eligible to receive another grant in the current round.
 - If applications receive the same score, priority may be given based on financial impact and relevance.
 - ATMS Board Directors and members of ATMS committees are not eligible to apply for or receive a Simon Schot Education Grant while serving in these roles.
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Our Commitment

ATMS is committed to supporting accessible professional development and ensuring that all applications are assessed fairly, consistently, and transparently.

