



**ASM NSW-ACT BRANCH
POST-GRADUATE AWARD**

Award: Award is a **contribution** of up to AUD\$1000 (towards registration fees/ airfares/accommodation) to assist the recipient to attend the ASM Annual National conference, or any other Australian conference or workshop with a microbiology component, in the same year as the award is given. There is one award only per year; in exceptional circumstances the award may be split between the two top candidates.

Note: Payment will be given on presentation of tax invoices or receipts

Eligibility: All Postdoctoral researchers in microbiology (no more than 5 years postdoctoral experience)

Membership Status: Applicants must have been members of the NSW branch of the Australian Society for Microbiology for at least 12 months before the Award application is submitted.

Criteria:

Applicants must submit an application consisting of the following:

1. Lay description of the project (500 characters including spaces) – for media releases and ASM NSW-ACT publication / website
2. A copy of the conference abstract
3. Description of the project and major scientific contributions (peer reviewed publications, conference presentations etc.) to date (10,000 characters including spaces)
4. Details of the conference they wish to attend, including how attendance will benefit their career (3000 characters including spaces)
5. Two referee's reports (to be submitted directly) supporting application for the Award. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their referees submit the reports to the ASM NSW Branch committee by the closing date
6. The recipient is expected to write a lead article to be published in Syntrophy – article needs to be submitted no later than 4 weeks after the conference end date.

Closing Date: 30th April of current year

Note: Applicants will be notified of the outcome: end of May.

This award will be judged by three eminent researchers in the fields of microbiology. Judges decision is final. ASM NSW-ACT Branch reserves the right not to offer this award.

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