



2010 Australian Travel Awards

Deadline for Application: 01 October 2010

The ASCC recognises that advances in the stem cell field depend on the development of a strong culture of collaboration at all levels, especially graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

The purpose of the ASCC Travel Awards is to:

- Provide career development for early career researchers
- Build future collaborations
- Ensure sustainability of the Australian stem cell research sector
- Increase competitiveness
- Build a skilled stem cell workforce

The ASCC Australian Travel Award will provide financial support for PhD Students and early career postdoctoral fellows in Australia to present their research at Australian stem cell meetings.

Eligibility

Candidates must be either post-doctoral fellows within five years of completion of PhD or PhD candidates, working in the stem cell field in Australia.

Candidates must have submitted an abstract for a poster or presentation at the meeting they are applying for the travel award to attend.

Applicants must have applied for a travel grant from the meeting organisers (where available).

Applicants may be from **any** Australian laboratory including those not directly funded by the ASCC but must be working in the stem cell field.

Terms of Support

ASCC will provide up to \$400 towards the costs of travel, accommodation, and meals to attend the designated meeting.

The conference and travel must be completed before June 30 2011.

The recipient is responsible for securing additional funding to cover the total cost of the trip.

The ASCC will award up to 10 Australian Travel Awards in 2010.

Eligible Meetings

Any stem cell meeting held in Australia before June 30 2011

Reporting and Communications Requirements

By accepting an ASCC Australian Travel Award, the recipient agrees to the following reporting requirements:

- Recipients of this award agree to provide the ASCC a copy of their poster or presentation and with a brief report describing their trip and the value of the training and networking opportunities made available through the ASCC Australian Travel Award. This information may be used at the ASCC's discretion, including on its website.

- The recipient will also provide a short financial report detailing how the ASCC funds were expended and any provide details of other travel grants secured.

Application Procedure

Email the following documents as a **single PDF (preferably) or Word document with a table of contents** including your full contact details to science@stemcellcentre.edu.au by the **1 October 2010** with AUSTRALIAN TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION as the email subject heading.

- The abstract for the poster or presentation submitted to the conference and include the title, authors, institution name and address at the top. Provide any grant acknowledgements for your research at the end of your abstract.
- A personal statement (<300 words) indicating how this award would promote collaboration that would benefit your current research and the development of your independent research career.
- A succinct itinerary of your trip including the conference program and any intended plan of lab visits.
- Details of other travel grants applied for, if any.
- Your CV (no page limit).
- A signed letter of support from the Principal Investigator of your current research project

Assessment

Applicants abstracts will be ranked by the conference organisers (where possible), and/or the ASCC Scientific Director.

The final decision will rest with the Scientific Director of the ASCC.

Notification

Applicants will be notified by email no later than 15 October 2010.

Further Information

If you require further information please email science@stemcellcentre.edu.au or phone Emily Shaw on 03 92711100.