



2009 Australian Travel Awards

Deadline for Application: 02 October 2009

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

The ASCC Australian Travel Awards will:

- Provide career development for early career researchers
- Build future national collaborations
- Increase 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.

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

Candidates may be from **any** Australian laboratory including those not directly funded by the ASCC.

Terms of Support

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

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

The ASCC will award 5 Australian Travel Awards in 2009.

Eligible Meetings

Any stem cell meeting located in Australia. Priority will be given to meetings that the ASCC is sponsoring in 2009 including: University of Melbourne Stem Cell Interest Group Symposium, Australasian Society for Stem Cell Research Annual Meeting and the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Symposium, Cardiology at the Frontier – Development, Stem Cells and Heart Failure.

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 other travel grants secured.

Application Procedure

Email the following documents, preferably in PDF format and clearly named, including your full contact details to science@stemcellcentre.edu.au by the due date 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 international 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.
- 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

Abstracts submitted be ranked by the conference organisers (where possible), otherwise the ASCC Scientific Director will assess the abstracts.

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

Notification

Applicants will be notified by email.

Further Information

If you require further information please email science@stemcellcentre.edu.au or phone Rebecca Skinner on 03 92711180