
APPLICATIONS for AABT scholarship to attend 2022 WCGALP

The AABT provides funding opportunities for postgraduate students and young researchers to attend the World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production (WCGALP), the Conference of the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG) or other qualifying international scientific conferences related to animal breeding and genetics.

The AABT was established in 2002 after a gift was received from the organizing committee of the 6th WCGALP, which was held in Armidale in 1998.

This call for applications is for students or early career researchers to attend the 2022 World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production, to be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 3 – 8th July 2022.

There are certain conditions and criteria which must be met to be eligible to apply for an AABT scholarship.

1 Eligibility

Applicants should be full-time postgraduate students or junior researchers.

- who are based at or associated with one of the three participating institutions (see below), and
- who have submitted a paper for presentation at an eligible conference and for which they are the senior author.
- who have not received a AABT scholarship on any previous occasion.
- The author should have one of these Armidale institutions as their affiliation.
 - The Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit.
 - University of New England School of ERS.
 - CSIRO's Chiswick research station (or those based in Armidale with Chiswick affiliations).

2 Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to cover travel to and from the conference, accommodation and conference fees. This includes:

- The cost of the cheapest available economy return air/surface travel from Armidale to the conference location. For applicants who combine conference attendance with other (scientific) activities during the same trip, e.g. visits to other research organisations, a portion of the travel cost may be awarded.
- The conference registration cost (excluding the conference dinner).
- Cost of 'budget' accommodation during the congress (for example, college or shared accommodation).
- In special cases, a subsidy towards additional expenses.

The scholarship does not cover the cost of the conference dinner, pre- or post-conference tours.

3 Applications

Applications should comprise:

- The work to be presented at the conference. Applications will be judged on both the scientific merit of the work and the quality of written presentation.
 - For the WCGALP, this should be the final submitted manuscript.
 - A detailed itinerary and itemized budget.
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Applicants with other sources of funding available (e.g. students 'operating budgets') should specify amounts to be covered from these sources, and the minimum funding required from the AABT to make their trip possible. Applicants should also apply for other funding opportunities which are typically available for young scientists attending international conferences. Applicants who have attempted to seek additional funding outside the AABT are more likely to be favourably considered by the AABT trustees.

Applicants with an extended trip should provide information about the remainder of their itinerary and travel costs and clearly specify the expenditure that is attributable to items that are eligible for AABT sponsorship.

For all successful applicants, a report will be required upon return, detailing expenditure, and the merit of the conference to the young scientist. After this report is received by the AABT and approved, your institution may then invoice the AABT for the agreed scholarship offer.

4 Selection Criteria

The number of scholarships awarded will be limited. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

- Scientific excellence of the paper submitted.
- Appropriateness of the budget and funding requested.

Awards will be made with the aim of maximising benefits from the funds to the Armidale animal breeding community as a whole, while maintaining balance in benefits to the three individual institutions.

The selection committee will comprise the officers of the Trust together with other suitably qualified referees who will be recruited as needed.

5 Closing date

Deadline for receipt of all applications is **Friday 21st January 2022 at 5pm**. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applications should be forwarded to Dr. Matt Wolcott, Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, University of New England, Armidale, NSW 2351, preferably by email in .pdf format. You will be notified of the outcome shortly after Monday 14th February 2022, in time to obtain the Early Bird registration, which closes at the end of February.

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