

APPLICATIONS for an AABT scholarship

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 above), and
- who have submitted a paper for presentation at an eligible conference and for which they are the senior author. The author should have one of the three listed Armidale institutions as their affiliation.
- who have not received a AABT scholarship on any previous occasion.

Eligible conferences include

- World Congress on Genetics Applied to Livestock Production (WCGALP)
- Conferences organized by the International Society for Animal Genetics (ISAG)

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 ISAG conferences, this should be the abstract to be submitted *plus* the manuscript of a paper describing the work involved which has been submitted for publication, or which is in its very final stages of preparation.
 - For the WCGALP, this should be the final submitted manuscript
- A detailed itinerary and itemized budget.

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 feasible. 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 favorably 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, October 13**, 5pm. Late submissions will not be accepted. Applications should be forwarded to Dr Kim Bunter, 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 from your application after November 1st, in plenty of time to obtain the Early Bird registration.

For further information contact Dr Kim Bunter

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