



The ASM – NZMS Postgraduate Research Travel Award

Applications are invited from the New Zealand Microbiological Society student members for the ASM – NZMS Postgraduate Research Travel Award. This award allows for the reciprocal exchange of one student member each year to attend the national conference of the other society and to visit the laboratory of a collaborating researcher in that country.

With respect to the award for 2011, the successful applicant from New Zealand will be invited to submit an abstract to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Australian Society for Microbiology to be held in Brisbane (01.-05. July, 2012). They will also have negotiated an agreement to visit the research laboratory of an Australian scientist in the period either immediately before or immediately after the Australian society's annual meeting. NZMS will pay for return economy airfares between New Zealand and Australia and any necessary internal connecting flights as well as a per diem living allowance for up to 14 days. The total value of the award will be up to a maximum limit of NZ\$3,000. The ASM will waive the normal meeting registration fee for the successful applicant. The award will also be conditional on ASM accepting the submitted Abstract for some form of presentation.

The award will be made on merit and will be determined by a sub-committee of the NZMS. To be eligible, applicants must be student members of the NZMS and be enrolled in a Full Time PhD program at a New Zealand University. Applicants must also be a New Zealand citizen, a permanent resident in New Zealand or be eligible to secure temporary entrance to Australia. Applications should include a brief CV and synopsis of the applicant's research. This synopsis should include details of the research and/or educational activities that will be conducted at the laboratory to be visited, the applicants stage of PhD candidature and tentative submission date. The successful applicant will also need to provide evidence of an active or emerging research collaboration between the student's supervisor and that of the research group to be visited in Australia. Such evidence may include recent or current joint grants, joint publications or a statement from the PhD supervisor that joint research opportunities are emerging. In any event, the application must include an invitation from the Australian host institution agreeing to a visit at a suitable time. Applicants should download and apply via the official application form available from the NZMS web site (www.nzms.org.nz) and follow the instructions provided with this form.

Applications should be submitted electronically to the NZMS by 31. December, 2011. The email address is: rta@nzms.org.nz. The subject line should say "ASM – NZMS Postgraduate Research Travel Award". Further information on the award can be obtained from secretary@nzms.org.nz.