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The NZMS – ASM Postgraduate Travel Award

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

In regards to the award for 2020, the successful applicant from New Zealand will be invited to submit an abstract to present their research at the annual meeting of the Australian Microbiological Society, to be held in Melbourne (5-8 July 2020). They will also have arranged to visit the research laboratory of an Australian scientist in the period either immediately before or immediately after the annual meeting of the ASM. 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. Success of 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 enrolled in a postgraduate program at a New Zealand tertiary educational institution. Applications should include a brief CV and synopsis of their research. This synopsis should also include details of the research and/or educational activities that will be conducted at the laboratory to be visited, the applicant's stage of postgraduate study and estimated completion 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 (<http://www.NZMS.org.nz/>) and follow the instructions provided with this form.

Application deadline: Friday 13 March 2020

Applications should be emailed to the NZMS secretary Dr Helen Withers:
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Successful applicants will be expected to write a report on their research visit and attendance at the ASM conference, suitable for inclusion in the NZMS Newsletter.