



Call for Applications: ASBTE Early Career Researcher Award 2026

The Committee of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering invites nominations for the ASBTE Early Career Researcher Award. This award recognises an early career researcher, who has demonstrated emerging research impact and potential for a distinguished career in the field of biomaterials and/or tissue engineering. This award will be given every year the ASBTE annual meeting is held.

Nomination Eligibility, Selection Criteria, and Selection Process

The deadline for the nomination is **18 February 2026**.

Nominee eligibility criteria include:

1. The nominator and the early career researcher nominee must be a current member of ASBTE and must be registered members of the society for the prior calendar year.
2. The nominee must be less than 5 years post PhD on **18 February 2026** (considering career interruptions).
3. The nominee must submit an abstract as presenting author for the upcoming ASBTE annual meeting.

Nominee applications must be comprised of:

1. Name, contact details, and affiliation of the nominee and the nominator.
2. The title of the proposed ASBTE annual meeting abstract to be considered.
3. A copy of the PhD certificate of the nominee showing the date awarded, accompanying a short description of any career interruptions with interruption FTE length.
4. A 1-page (max) letter of support from and signed by the nominator for the nominee.
5. A 300-word (max) statement by the nominee outlining up to 3 career examples of research, clinical, or industrial impact in biomaterials and tissue engineering.
6. A 2-page (max) Curriculum Vitae of the nominee outlining career experiences and outcomes, including awards received, publications and patents, contributions to technology translation and commercialisation, and other relevant information.

Nominees' applications will be shortlisted by a selection committee chaired by the ASBTE president or nominated delegate. Shortlisted nominees will have their ASBTE annual meeting abstracts accepted to orally present at a special ECR award session, where the award winner will be further judged by a selection committee. If the candidate can't attend the ASBTE annual meeting, they will not be considered further.

The Award: The award consists of a cheque for \$1,000 and a commemorative award, which will be presented at the ASBTE annual meeting.

Please send nominations addressing the selection criteria above to the attention of the ASBTE President Prof Jelena Rnjak-Kovacina (j.rnjak-kovacina@unsw.edu.au) on or before 18 February 2026.