



AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR BIOMATERIALS AND TISSUE ENGINEERING (ASBTE) 2026 CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Announcement

The ASBTE will fund Awards **up to \$500.00** each for postgraduate research students and early career researchers to attend the ASBTE Annual Conference in the National Wine Centre, Adelaide, Australia from 7-10 April 2026. This document summarises the eligibility criteria, guidelines for the application and application submission deadlines. The major objectives of these travel grants are to provide students/ECRs with:

- Financial assistance to attend the ASBTE Annual Conference, to present their research, network with peers and develop new collaborations or enhance existing collaborations;
- The opportunity to interact with groups outside their specific research area.

These grants are available solely for the purpose of attending the ASBTE Annual Conference and will not be awarded for any other conference or meeting. The decisions on the Grants will be made by the ASBTE Committee and may vary at the Committee's discretion.

Guidelines

Eligibility

- Full-time postgraduate student currently enrolled at a recognised higher education provider, or early-career researcher with less than 3 years of post-doctoral experience between date of award of PhD and date of application for grant.
- Current, paid, financial member of ASBTE for the 2025 & 2026 calendar years
- Applicants should be enrolled/employed in Australia or New Zealand, but applications from expatriate ASBTE members will also be considered.
- Submitted an abstract for an oral or poster presentation at the conference.
- INCOMPLETE/LATE APPLICATIONS INELIGIBLE

Any risks associated with travel are not the responsibility of ASBTE. It is the responsibility of the Student/ECR and their Supervisor to ensure compliance with their host University/Institute travel policy.

Application

At the time of application, applicants must submit online:

- (i) **A completed application form [here](#)**
- (ii) Evidence of study/employment and PhD completion date (if applicable)
- (iii) ASBTE membership receipt for 2025 & 2026
- (iv) Evidence of abstract submission.

Uploaded files must be PDFs. If any of these items are missing, your application will be deemed ineligible. The conference travel awards are intended to help those who have difficulty attending the conference through shortage of funds. The decisions on the awards will be made by the ASBTE Committee and may vary in amount

at the discretion of the Committee. Application forms are provided on the ASBTE website (www.asbte.org).

Submission Details

Applications should be submitted online **no later than 5 pm (AEST) on Wednesday 14th January 2026**.

All documentation, including relevant membership receipts, must be supplied at the time of application. If any of the items are missing, your application will be deemed ineligible. Uploaded files must be PDFs. Please do not submit applications by post or email.

Acknowledgement

Any poster or oral presentations and any publications resulting from the work must acknowledge the funding obtained from ASBTE.

Report

A short report detailing the activities undertaken during the conference and any outcomes from the conference will be required within 2 months of returning from the conference, only after which the \$500 reimbursement will be provided. The format will be an online form that will be provided to you and will require the following:

- 100-word summary of the activities undertaken
- 100-word summary of outcomes from your attendance at the conference
- 30-word summary quote about your experience
- Actual expenditure breakdown
- 1-3 photos from your experience

These summaries and photos may be used on the ASBTE website, Newsletter and/or social media.

Any questions, please contact **Mark Allenby** (m.allenby@uq.edu.au)