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The Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering

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From the President,

Dear ASBTE Community,

As we approach the end of the year, I hope everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved break. Reflecting on 2024, it has been a remarkable year, highlighted by our participation in the World Biomaterials Congress in Daegu, South Korea. The impact our community makes on the global stage is truly inspiring.

Looking ahead, we are excited about our annual meeting in Brisbane in 2025. Thank you to the Organising Committee for putting together an excellent program. Please make sure to submit your abstracts and encourage your local community to do so. Our ASBTE Conference Attendance Awards are now open for applications.

On the topic of awards, we have four other categories now open: the ASBTE Award of Excellence, the Emerging Investigator Award, the Lab Travel Award, and our new Early Career Research Award. This last 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. The award was created in response to feedback and engagement from our ECR committee, with leadership and support from ASBTE Executive Committee member **Dr Mark Allenby**. Please consider applying for or nominating a deserving colleague for one of these awards.

This year, our ASBTE regional showcases saw impressive attendance, with over 230 attendees, on par with our annual conferences. This demonstrates our vibrant and engaged community, especially among our HDRs and ECRs. Congratulations to all the regional showcase organisers, presenters, and award winners, and thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who made these events possible. I attended the NSW/SA showcase and was impressed by both the quality of research and the community spirit and interactions on display. A special thank you and congratulations go to ASBTE Executive Committee member **Prof Ferry Melchels**, who ably led and supported this initiative.

A huge thank you to the **ASBTE Executive Committee** for their leadership, passion, and hard work this year, ensuring that ASBTE remains such an active and engaged community.

Thank you to all our members for your continuing support. Your membership and support are essential for ensuring our society continues to thrive. Now is a great time to check your membership status, renew it, and encourage your colleagues to join our community. The 2025 annual conference in Brisbane is an excellent opportunity to see all the fantastic work we do.

If you have any feedback, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your local representatives or the Executive Committee. I wish you all a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Jelena Rnjak-Kovacina, President

ASBTE 2025 meeting



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TISSUE ENGINEERING

22-24 April 2025 BRISBANE

***** Abstract submission
deadline is 31st Dec 2024**

<https://asbte2025.com.au/>

We are excited to announce that Brisbane will host the highly anticipated ASBTE 2025 conference. The ASBTE 2025 promises to be a pivotal gathering, showcasing the latest advancements and fostering collaboration. Stay tuned for further details as preparations for this event unfold 😊 !

Organising committee of ASBTE 2025 meeting

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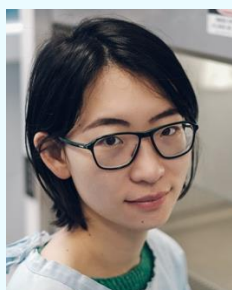
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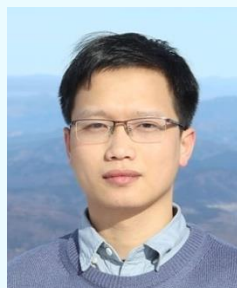
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**Manh Tuong
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Amy Xie

ASBTE Regional Showcase Recap (Nov 2024)

Western Australia 21st Nov

Chairs: Georgia Khinsoe, Ebrahim Vahabli and Ria Shah

Winners

UWA School of Engineering Award (Winner): Danielle Vahala

UWA Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Research Award (Runner up): Kai Metzner



ASBTE Regional Showcase Recap (Nov 2024)

Victoria 22nd Nov

Chairs: Kate Firipis, Mustafijur Rahman, Key Robinson, Amy Xie, Lilith Caballero Aguilar, Dulani Sooriyaaratchi

Winners

Best Oral Presentation Award: Sadjad Khosravimelal

Best Rapid Fire Award : Elizabeth Zoneff

People's Choice Award : Mustafijur Rahman



ASBTE Regional Showcase Recap (Nov 2024)

Queensland 22nd Nov

Chairs: Jacqui McGovern, Angus Weeks, Aswathi Gopalakrishnan, Sugandha Bhatia, Sepideh Shemshad and Brooke Lundon

Winners

ECR Award: Liam Sargison (Winner) and Rose Ann France (Runner up)

PhD Student Award: Laura Milton (Winner) and Luke Hipwood (Runner up)

Rapid fire Award: Brooke Lundon (Winner) and Jillis Ernst (Runner up)



ASBTE Regional Showcase Recap (Nov 2024)

New Zealand 22nd Nov

Chairs: Max Yavitt and Theresa König

Winners

Tiffany Ilott (Winner) and Vincent de Jong (Runner up)



New South Wales and South Australia 22nd Nov

Chairs: Habib Joukhdar, Hien Anh Tran and Amy Jiang

Winners

Best presentation Award: Tiffany Goh

Best rapid-fire Award : Alice Xuege Feng

People's Choice Award: Johnny Kuan Un Wong



Call for Nominations: ASBTE Award of Excellence 2025

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The Committee of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering invites nominations for the ASBTE AWARD of Excellence 2025.

Nomination Process and Selection Criteria:

Any member of the Society in good standing may nominate candidates for the award. The deadline for the nomination is **14 March 2025**. The successful candidate will be announced at the next ASBTE meeting. The award is determined by the selection committee chaired by the Society President. The award will consist of an inscribed medal and will be presented at the next ASBTE annual meeting. Only 1 award will be presented. The successful candidate will be announced at the next ASBTE meeting.

The following information must accompany each nomination:

1. Name and affiliation of three nominating members and statements from each nominator describing the reasons for nomination (1-2pages). It is an expectation that the criteria as stated in the guidelines are clearly articulated by the nominations.
2. Name, address and affiliation of the nominee
3. A Curriculum Vitae of the nominee, as far as is known, including education, membership of professional organizations, honours already received, main field of professional activity and a list of publications

Guidelines for the Selection Committee:

The ASBTE Award for Excellence recognizes a member of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering who has made a significant contribution to the Society and has an outstanding record in developing, maintaining and promoting the goals of the Society. The selection panel may rank each nominee on the following criteria and make a judgement as to the best candidate to receive the award:

1. Nominees major contribution to ABSTE: (50 points)
 - i. Service to the society over a significant period of time
 - ii. Contribution towards a positive change in the society
 - iii. Contribution towards ASBTE's international standing and outreach to other international societies
2. Nominees major contribution to the discipline of biomaterials and tissue engineering: (25 points)
 - i. Publications in peer reviewed journals
 - ii. Citations and h index
 - iii. Books and book chapters
 - iv. International Society Fellowships
 - v. Invitations to present plenary/keynote lectures in international conferences
3. Leadership/mentoring roles: (15 points)
 - i. Number of PhD students or research scientists mentored
 - ii. Number of post-doctoral scientists
 - iii. Leadership positions in university and/or industry
4. Other Achievements/contributions: (10 points)
 - i. The selection panel may consider any other achievements/contributions cited in the nomination that may be recognized to demonstrate nominee's contributions to the discipline.

Please e-mail nominations to the attention of the ASBTE President Prof Jelena Rnjak-Kovacina (j.rnjak-kovacina@unsw.edu.au) on or before 14 March 2025.

Call for Nominations: ASBTE Emerging Investigator Award 2025

Call for Nominations: ASBTE Emerging Investigator Award 2025

The Committee of the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering invites nominations for the ASBTE Emerging Investigator Award. This award recognises an early-to-mid career researcher, who has demonstrated outstanding research contributions and potential in regards to a future distinguished career in the field of biomaterials and/or tissue engineering. This award will be given every second year.

Nomination Process and Selection Criteria

Any member of the Society in good standing may nominate candidates for the award. The deadline for the nomination is **14 March 2025**.

Selection criteria include:

1. The early career researcher must be a current member of the ASBTE and must have been a continuous member of the society for a minimum of two full years prior to the submission deadline.
2. The nominee must be less than ten years post PhD at the close of nomination. (considering career interruption)

The award is determined by a selection committee appointed by the ASBTE Committee and chaired by the Society President.

The following information must accompany each nomination:

1. Name and affiliation of the nominating ASBTE member, and one international member of the Biomaterials field.
2. A 1 page (maximum) statement from the nominating member and international expert describing the reasons for the nomination.
3. Name, contact details, and affiliation of the nominee.
4. A copy of the PhD certificate of the nominee showing the date awarded.
5. A 1 page (maximum) personal statement from the nominee articulating their vision and/or plans for the biomaterials and tissue engineering field in the future.
6. A 3 page (maximum) Curriculum Vitae of the nominee, including a brief description of the main field of professional activity, memberships of professional organisations, awards already received, a list of publications and patents, a list of plenary/keynote lectures at international conferences, a list of contributions to technology translation and commercialisation, and other relevant information.

The Award: The award consists of an inscribed medal and a cheque for \$1,000 and will be presented at the next ASBTE annual meeting, where the awardee will be invited to make a keynote speech on their research.

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 14 March 2025.

Call for Nominations: ASBTE Early Career Researcher Award 2025

Call for Applications: ASBTE Early Career Researcher Award 2025

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 **14 March 2025**.

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 **14 March 2025** (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 14 March 2025.

Call for Nominations: ASBTE Conference Attendance Award 2025

ASBTE 2025 Conference Attendance Award

Guidelines for Applications

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, Grand Chancellor Hotel, Brisbane, Aus, 22-24 April 2025. 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 2024 & 2025 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 2024 & 2025
- (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).

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Call for Nominations: ASBTE Conference Attendance Award 2025

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Submission Details

Applications should be submitted online **no later than 5 pm (AEST) on Monday 20th January 2025**.

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).

Call for Nominations: ASBTE Lab Travel Grants 2025

ASBTE 2025 International and Local Lab Travel Grants

Guidelines for Applications

Announcement

The ASBTE will fund Lab Travel Grants up to **\$2,000 for international travel or up to \$1000 for domestic/local travel** each for postgraduate research students and early career researchers, for visits to academic collaborator and/or industry partner labs. 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:

- The opportunity to travel to other institutions to develop new collaborations or enhance existing collaborations;
- Increased access to equipment and/or expertise that is not available in their own institution; and
- The opportunity to interact with groups outside their specific discipline area or culture.

These grants will not be allocated for conference travel alone, however, if applicants can organise their laboratory visit/s at times coinciding with relevant Biomaterials/Tissue Engineering conferences, support may be approved. The decisions on the Grants will be made by the ASBTE Committee and may vary at the Committee's discretion.

Guidelines

Travel Dates: Travel is to be commenced before 31st December 2025.

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 (taking into account career breaks).
- Current, paid, financial member of ASBTE for the 2024 & 2025 calendar years
- Applicants should be enrolled/employed in Australia or New Zealand, but applications from expatriate ASBTE members will also be considered.
- 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 **(1)** complete the [application form online](#) and **(2)** provide the **following attachments in ONE PDF:**

- (i) Justification for the travel and proposed budget breakdown (1 page maximum)
- (ii) List of publications
- (iii) List of grants and awards
- (iv) Letter of support from the applicant's supervisor
- (v) Letter of support from the host laboratory
- (vi) Evidence of study/employment and PhD completion date (if applicable)
- (vii) ASBTE membership receipts for 2024 & 2025

If any of these items are missing, your application will be deemed ineligible. Application forms are also provided on the ASBTE website (www.asbte.org).

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Call for Nominations: ASBTE Lab Travel Grants 2025

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Submission Details

Applications should be submitted online [HERE](#) no later than 5 pm (AEST) on Wednesday 22nd January 2025.

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.

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 travel and any outcomes from the visit will be required within 2 months of returning from the visit. 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 visit
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These summaries and photos may be used on the ASBTE website, Newsletter and/or social media. After completion of travel and this report, the candidate should contact Mark Allenby to coordinate the Lab Travel Grant payment.

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

ASBTE membership and website

ASBTE on LinkedIn

ASBTE has a private group that members can request to join and share news and information. We also now have our own public page and are pleased to see this has reached >700 followers. We update this regularly with information on ASBTE activities including awards and conferences. It is also a great way to spread the word across our society (and beyond) so please tag us into your posts. We love to share good news of papers, travel, collaboration, prizes and more.



ASBTE on blueSky

You can now follow ASBTE activities on Bluesky via @asbte.bsky.social – we will also use this platform to share your news, just tag us in your posts and we will share.



ASBTE membership and website

www.asbte.org

You can now sign up for **1, 2, or 3 year ASBTE Standard Membership** at <https://www.asbte.org/shop>

Any member wishing to supply news items, links, PhD scholarships, job listings, or other relevant information to the **website** should contact Jess Frith, jessica.frith@monash.edu

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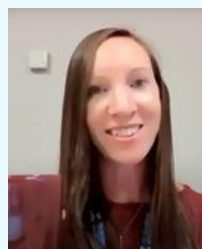
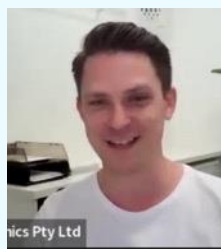
Biomaterials Bites- find out more about ASBTE members

This year we have interviewed more of our members for the Biomaterials Bites series. These are short interviews, designed for you to enjoy over a coffee break and find out more about the variety of research conducted by ASBTE members, as well as surprising insights into the personalities behind it.

Recent interviews include:

- Ferry Melchels – a new Executive Member of ASBTE
- Danielle Vahala – a PhD student at UWA
- Christoph Meinert- founder and CEO of Gelomics
- Rae Moses – a Research Associate at Melbourne University who is developing 3D wound models with innovative methods based on the 3Rs (reduction, replacement and refinement)
- Andrea O'Connor - who was awarded the ASBTE Award of Research Excellence in 2022

These can all be found on our [Youtube channel](#), or via the ASBTE website <https://www.asbte.org/biomaterial-bites>. If you would like to be our next interviewee, please contact jess Frith (Jessica.frith@monash.edu).



Jess Frith

ASBTE 2025 meeting



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Organising committee of ASBTE 2025 meeting

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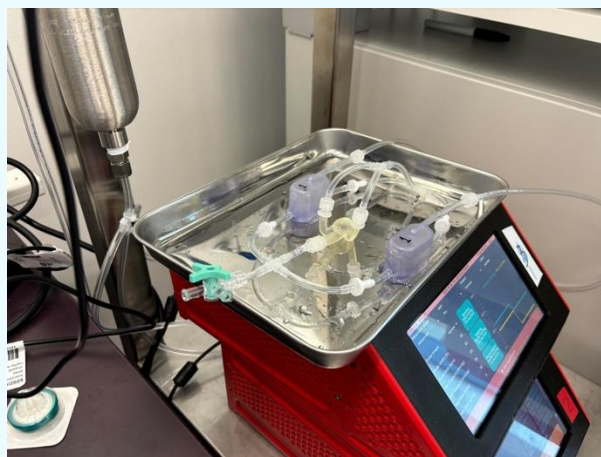
Lab Travel Grant reports

Chloe de Nys

With support from the ASBTE travel grant, I visited the Applied Materials Group in the School of Medical Sciences at the University of Sydney, led by Professor Steven Wise. During this trip, I was able to look at their novel cardiovascular perfusion system that can support cell culture and simulate physiological blood flow conditions. The models I have developed during my PhD connects well to their system, allowing their technology to be integrated into my experiments back at UQ. I learnt about how to operate the pump, key benefits, limitations, and evaluated associated expenses with its use.

This trip has enhanced this collaboration, where a pump will be transported to UQ to support future experiments, offering joint publication and marketing opportunities for the Applied Materials Group and their “blood-vessels-in-a-box” perfusion technology.

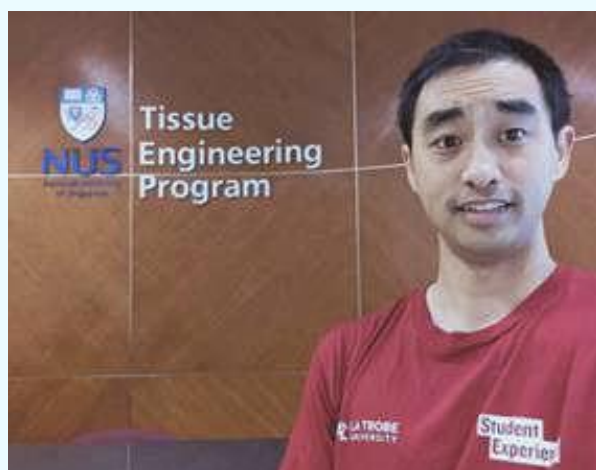
This experience has been a great opportunity to learn a new technology, develop my experimental methods as well as network and foster collaborations.



Christopher Chong

"This travel grant enabled me to attend an overseas research period at the National University of Singapore's (NUS) Tissue Engineering Program (NUSTEP) within the lab of Dr. Yang Zheng. The focus of my research was titled 'Additive engineering of mesenchymal stem cells for enhanced chondrogenesis', which specifically explored the incorporation of nanotopographical features of fabricated polycaprolactone (PCL) dishes for the growth of stem cells. Stem cells are an emerging approach to addressing issues of cartilage loss typically seen in osteoarthritis; and cartilage is a tissue of the human body with poor regenerative potential owing in part to its limited vascularity.








My results show that there appear to be specific benefits associated with growing cells on either pillar or grate topographies, and these benefits may vary depending on whether the cells are found in non-inflammatory (pillar best suited) or inflammatory (grate best suited) conditions. These findings have implications for how to best optimise the conditions for cells to be used for the regeneration of cartilage tissue; needed in the treatment of osteoarthritis.



Furthermore, I was supported to attend a basic microscopy course with the A*STAR Microscopy Platform, and ThermoFisher Scientific's Amira software for volume electron microscopy."

A foundational research collaboration between La Trobe University/NUS and backed by the ASBTE's Lab Travel Award, to explore the additive effect of priming MSCs on nanotopographical materials for chondrogenesis.

Upcoming conferences

Conference	Dates	Location	Link
	22-24 Apr 2025	Brisbane, Australia	Save the date!
	9-12 Apr 2025	Chicago, USA	https://2025.biomaterials.org/#
	7-11 Sep 2025	Torino, Italy	https://esb2025.org/
	8-11 Oct 2025	San Diego, USA	https://www.bmes.org/future-annual-meetings
	16-19 Oct 2025	TERMIS-AP	https://ap2025.termis.org/
	27-31 Oct 2025	Lorne, Australia	https://mbsanz2025.smalltalkvents.com.au/
	6-10 Dec 2025	Philadelphia, USA	https://www.ascb.org/meetings-events/future-ascb-meetings/

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