



THE NUTRITION SOCIETY  
OF AUSTRALIA (INC.)



## NSA Early-Career Travel Grants

### AWARD CRITERIA

(a) The aim of these awards is to recognise and encourage original research by early career NSA members and support participation in eminent, international scientific conferences.

(b) The target group is early-career NSA members who have published, since January of the previous year, a nutrition research paper in a high-quality journal.

(c) A candidate must

i) be a financial member of the Society, who is a PhD candidate or has a PhD that was awarded up to five years previously;

ii) be based in Australia (overseas corresponding members of the NSA are not eligible to apply for this award))

iii) have had an original nutrition research paper, systematic review or meta-analysis published or accepted for publication in hard copy and/or electronic form since January of the previous year, in a high-quality, peer-reviewed nutrition or nutrition-related journal;

iv) be the first named author of the publication;

v) submit an abstract and attend an international conference which the grant will support them to attend. [Note: the abstract does not have to be based on the nominated manuscript. The conference must be held within 12 months of the closing date for applications];

vi) submit a report (up to 150 words) to the NSA within four weeks of attending the conference;

vii) present at a webinar within 12 weeks of attending the conference; and

viii) attend the NSA ASM in the same year as the award was received.

(d) The award will be assessed on:

i) research quality of the paper;

ii) impact factor of the journal;

iii) quality of the nominated international conference which the recipient will attend and statement of benefit; and

iv) its potential contribution to improvement of health.

(e) An applicant may only win one NSA travel award in a given year. Previous NSA Early-Career Travel Grant prize winners are ineligible to apply.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

(f) The Honorary Secretary (or appointed project officer) will call for applications in early February each year. Applications for the award must be submitted by 24th April each year by individuals who meet the criteria.

(g) The application must be accompanied by:

1. The checklist (page 4 of this document)
2. A title page, listing
  - NSA Membership Number*
  - Applicant's name*
  - Journal name*
  - Impact factor of journal*
  - Conference & year*
  - NSA prizes previously won (Name & Year)*
3. a PDF copy of the nominated paper
4. a one-page statement of why the nominated paper is important in terms of nutrition research and how it is distinguished as high quality research (including impact factor of the paper);
5. a statement on applicants' contribution to the project and the paper;
6. nomination of the international conference which the recipient will attend, a statement about whether an abstract has been submitted / accepted and a statement on how the conference will enhance the applicant's career; and
7. the applicant's 2-page CV; and
8. a biography of approximately 200 words which may be used in publicity (NSA newsletter and website, and for introducing the winner at the ASM presentation of the Award).

Items 1-8 must be must be combined into ONE PDF file with the title "**yoursurname.pdf**"

**Applications should be emailed to: [info@nsa.asn.au](mailto:info@nsa.asn.au) with the subject line "NSA Early-Career Travel Grant Application"**

Remember: the deadline is COB Monday April 24, 2017.

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## OTHER INFORMATION

(h) The Awards Committee\* shall evaluate the applications and submit their ranking to the Secretariat who will collate and submit the rank order to the President who will make a recommendation to NSA Council at the May NSA Council meeting, who will vote on this recommendation.

(i) The award prize will include \$2,000 to contribute to registration for the nominated international nutrition conference and/or airfare and accommodation at the conference. Note: It is expected that evidence of conference registration will be provided in order for the funds to be made available to the applicant. Retrospective applications will be considered if the conference was attended in the same year as the award (if circumstances are such that the awardee is unable to use this award within the specified time frame, the awardee may apply for an extension by writing to the President of NSA on application).

(j) No more than two awards will be made each year. The award will be presented by the President of the Society at the Awards Ceremony at the ASM.

(k) If an applicant applies for the Nestle Award and the Early-Career Travel Award in the same year, they need to indicate which award they would prefer, as they cannot receive both awards in the same year.

*\* The Awards Committee for Early-Career Travel Grants shall consist of the President, President Elect, Honorary Editor, and one nominee from NSA Council together with two NSA Fellows. (The Honorary Secretary of the Society shall be a non-voting member of the Junior Awards Committee.)*

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*These specifications are based on the Dec 2013 revision of the NSA Council Guidelines*



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## NSA EARLY-CAREER TRAVEL GRANTS

### CHECKLIST

|   | Yes          | No                        |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| Are you a financial member of the NSA based in Australia?   |              |                           |
| Are you a PhD candidate or do you have a PhD that was awarded up to five years previously?  |              |                           |
| Have you had an original nutrition research paper, systematic review or meta-analysis published or accepted for publication since January last year in a high quality, peer reviewed international journal?   |              |                           |
| Are you the first named author of the publication?  |              |                           |
| Will you register for and attend the NSA ASM this year?   |              |                           |
| Have you included the following documentation:  |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A PDF copy of the nominated paper?</li> </ul>  |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A one-page statement of why the nominated paper is important in terms of nutrition research and how it is distinguished as high-quality research (including impact factor of the journal)?</li> </ul>                |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name, date and location of the international conference which you will attend?</li> </ul>  |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement of your contribution to the paper?</li> </ul>  |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement about whether an abstract has been submitted/ accepted for an international conference occurring within 12 months of the date of this submission, which the grant will support you to attend?</li> </ul> |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement on how the conference will enhance your career?</li> </ul>   |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A two-page CV?</li> </ul>  |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you applied for both the Nestle Award and the Early-Career Travel Award this year?</li> </ul>   |              |                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, which one would you prefer to receive if selected for both awards? (<i>Circle one</i>)</li> </ul>  | Nestle Award | Early-Career Travel Award |

Applicant:

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Name

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Signature

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Date

HOD/

Supervisor:

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Name

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Signature

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Date