

NSA Mid-Career Travel Grant

AWARD CRITERIA

(a) The aim of the award is to recognise and encourage original research by midcareer NSA members and, to support participation in scientific conferences held in Australia or internationally (excluding NSA Annual Scientific Meeting).

(b) The target group is mid-career NSA members who have been lead author on a research publication or a manuscript accepted for publication in a high-quality journal since January of the previous year.

(c) A candidate must:

- be a financial NSA member (for a minimum of two years) who was awarded their PhD 5-15 years ago (relative to opportunity);
- 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 international journal;
- be the first or senior (last) named author on the publication;
- submit a statement of contribution to the paper;
- 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 and the conference must be held within 12 months of the closing date for applications];
- submit a report (up to 150 words) to the NSA for publication in the NSA newsletter within four weeks of attending the conference;
- present at a webinar within 12 weeks of attending the conference; and
- register for and attend the NSA ASM in the same year as the award was received.

(d) The award will be assessed on:

- 200 word lay summary on the potential of their work to translate into improving health (40%)
- quality of the nominated conference which the recipient will attend and statement of benefit (20%);
- research quality of the paper (20%); and
- journal ranking in the field and impact of the journal (20%)

(e) An applicant may only win one NSA travel award in a given year. Previous NSA NSA Mid-Career Travel Grant grant 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 may be submitted by 15th 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
Journal ranking in the field and impact of the journal
Conference & year
NSA prizes previously won (Name & Year);
3. a PDF copy of the nominated paper;
4. a 200 word statement of why the nominated paper is important in terms of nutrition research; its potential to translate into improving health; and how it is distinguished as high quality research (including impact factor/ranking of the journal);
5. a statement on applicants' contribution to the project and the paper
6. nomination of the 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 (up to 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, with the subject line "NSA Mid-Career Travel Grant Application"

Remember: the deadline is COB Monday April 23, 2018.

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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.

** The Awards Committee for Mid-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.)*

NSA Mid-Career Travel Grant CHECKLIST

	Yes	No
Have you been a financial member for NSA for a minimum of two years?		
Were you awarded your PhD 5-15 years ago (relative to opportunity)?		
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 or senior (last) named author on the publication?		
Have you submitted, or do you intend to submit, an abstract for an international conference occurring within 12 months from the date of this submission which the grant will support you to attend?		
Will you register for and attend the NSA ASM this year?		
Have you included the following documentation:		
• A PDF copy of the nominated paper?		
• a 200 word statement of why the nominated paper is important in terms of nutrition research; its potential to translate into improving health; and how it is distinguished as high quality research (including impact factor/ranking of the journal)?		
• Name, date and location of the conference which you will attend?		
• A statement of contribution to the paper?		
• A statement about whether an abstract has been submitted/ accepted for a conference occurring within 12 months of the date of this submission, which the grant will support you to attend?		
• A statement on how the conference will enhance your career?		
• A two-page CV?		

Applicant: _____

HOD/ _____

Supervisor: _____

Name

Signature

Date