

## APPLICATION FOR ASM SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP

### **Background**

The purpose of this form is to provide enough information to enable the West Australian Branch of the Australian Society for Microbiology to properly assess your application.

### **Please Note**

**The individual sponsoring the applicant should be a member of the Australian Society for Microbiology.**

***Closing date for this year is:  
6 November 2016***

## **Eligibility criteria**

1. Any undergraduate student who is majoring in Microbiology will be eligible to apply. Masters students in the Masters in Infectious Disease are also encouraged to apply.
2. Sponsors must have a track record in Microbiology in any field including basic science (molecular biology, biochemistry and chemistry of microorganisms), epidemiology (as this pertains to infectious disease) and immunology (as this pertains to understanding the immune response towards a microorganism). The field can be clinical or environmental.
3. Sponsors should be an ASM member or intend to become a member of ASM if the applicant is successful.
4. **Award**  
The project will be assessed on the following criteria: the aims, methodology, and technical assistance provided to the student (sponsor's letter of support). Projects that are perceived to be too general in scope or not feasible within the 6-8 week time frame will be less attractive for funding.

The successful applicant will receive a 1 yr free student membership to the Australian Society of Microbiology and receive a print copy of Microbiology Australia for 1 yr. They will also receive a scholarship of \$1500 upon completion of the research project and the submission of an adequate report to the ASM committee. Once approved, the student will receive the award by direct payment to their bank account.

## **Ranking criteria**

Applications will be ranked on the following criteria:

- a. Applicants CV. (50%)
- b. Sponsor's letter of support. (25%)
- c. Research project description. (25%)

## **Conditions of award.**


### **1. Reports**

A report on the summer project must be provided to the ASM committee within 1 month of the end of the research project and no later than 31 March 2017. The abstract of the report should be of sufficient standard to be publishable in the eNews letter for the West Australian Branch of the Australian Society of Microbiology.

The report must be written as a scientific paper with a title, abstract, background, methods and materials, results and discussion sections. References should be formatted in the style of the Journal of Bacteriology. The margins must be 2 cm and the font 12 pt in Times New Roman.

**2. Payment of the award.**

Payment will occur after receipt of the student's report which must be passed by the ASM committee as being of a suitable standard. The student will need to supply their bank details at this time to enable a direct deposit into their account. If the sponsor does enter into a separate financial agreement with the student, the ASM branch committee can not be held financially liable for this separate agreement.



**Part 1    Applicant details**

Name:

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ASM Member ID

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Organisation:

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Postal Address:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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Fax:

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Mobile:

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**Part 2 Scholarship details**

Title of project:

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Date(s):

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Location:

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Attach Research project description (two A4 pages)

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Divide the project description into Research Background, Aims of the project, and Methods to be used. (one A4 page)

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References should be included on a separate page. (one A4 page)

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For each page the following format applies: font must be Times New Roman 12 pt, margins are 2 cm.

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Attach a CV.

Include all relevant details including the following:

Address

Employment history

Undergraduate transcript of marks obtained to date

Previous work experiences

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What are your career aspirations and why do you like this research project (300 words)

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**Part 3 Sponsor details**

Name:

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ASM Member ID

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Organisation:

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Postal Address:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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Fax:

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Mobile:

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Attach a letter of support (one A4 page)

Include details of any of the following (where appropriate):

- Any previous experience/contact with the student
- A comment on the student's research abilities or aspirations
- Details of the supervisory support for the student

An indication of whether the methodology for the project has been established in the laboratory.

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Please forward your completed application as a pdf to:

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Alyson Handfield  
Secretary  
ASM West Australian Branch  
Email: [alyson.handfield@student.curtin.edu.au](mailto:alyson.handfield@student.curtin.edu.au)