



## Australian Stem Cell Centre 2010 ISSCR International Travel Awards

**ISSCR abstract submissions due January 14 2010 at  
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**ASCC Travel Award applications due 26 February 2010**

The ASCC is committed to international collaboration and to extend the concept of national research and training networks internationally through its ongoing involvement in many supranational activities and forums including the International Consortium of Stem Cell Networks (ICSCN) and the Stem Cell Network Asia Pacific (SNAP). ASCC recognises that international co-operation in the stem cell field rests on the development of a strong culture of international collaboration at the all levels including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

The ASCC International Travel Awards will:

- Provide career development for early career researchers
- Build future international collaborations
- Ensure sustainability of the Australian stem cell research sector
- Ensure international competitiveness
- Build a skilled stem cell workforce

The ASCC International Travel Award will provide financial support for PhD Students and early career postdoctoral fellows in Australia to present their research at the 2010 ISSCR Annual Meeting in San Francisco from June 16-19 2010, one of the most important annual gatherings of stem cell scientists from across the world.

In addition, participants will attend and present their research at the ICSCN post-doctoral fellow workshop that is to be held in association with the ISSCR meeting. This workshop will bring together the best early career investigators from the ICSCN member networks in a dedicated networking session. Participants are also expected to arrange an appropriate program of lab visits before or after the meeting. The ASCC through its association with the ICSCN and SNAP is able to assist applicants to make connections with international laboratories and researchers from across the world.

In 2010 approximately five awards, each of ~\$2,000, will be made available. Applicants may be from any part of Australia and need not be currently funded by the ASCC, nor working on an ASCC-funded project.

### **Eligibility**

Candidates must be either post-doctoral fellows within five years of completion of PhD or PhD candidates and working in the stem cell field in Australia.

Candidates must have submitted an abstract for a poster or presentation at the meeting.

The candidate must have applied for a travel grant from the meeting organisers.

The candidate must have a planned program of laboratory visits and seminars associated (before or after) attendance at the designated meeting.

Candidates may be from any Australian laboratory including those not directly funded by the ASCC.

### **Terms of Support**

ASCC will provide up to \$2000 towards the costs of travel, accommodation, and meals to attend the designated meeting and to participate in lab visits and seminars.

The recipient is responsible for securing additional funding to cover the total cost of the trip.

### **Reporting and Communications Requirements**

By accepting an ASCC International Travel Award, the recipient agrees to the following reporting requirements:

- Recipients of this award agree to provide the ASCC a copy of their poster or presentation and with a brief report describing their trip and the value of the training and networking opportunities made available through the ASCC International Travel Award. This information may be used at the ASCC's discretion, including on its website
- The recipient will display the ASCC logo on their poster presentation
- The recipient will also provide a short financial report detailing how the ASCC funds were expended and any other travel grants secured.

### **Application Procedure**

Email the following as a **single PDF document with a table of contents** including your full contact details to [science@stemcellcentre.edu.au](mailto:science@stemcellcentre.edu.au) by **26 February 2010** with ISSCR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION as the email subject heading:

- The abstract for the poster or presentation submitted to ISSCR and include the title, authors, institution name and address at the top. Provide any grant acknowledgements for your research at the end of your abstract
- A personal statement (<300 words) indicating how this award would promote international collaboration that would benefit your current research and the development of your independent research career
- A succinct itinerary of your trip including the conference program and intended plan of lab visits
- Details of other travel grants applied for, if any
- Your CV (no page limit)
- A signed letter of support from the Principal Investigator of your current research project.

### **Assessment**

Abstracts will be assessed independently by the ISSCR International Committee. The ranked abstracts will then be provided to the ASCC. The final decision will rest with the Scientific Director of the ASCC.

### **Notification**

Applicants will be notified by email.