

Call for applications for Travel Grants for the 20th ABS Conference in Brisbane, Queensland

The 20th ABS conference will be held in Brisbane in April 2022. Full details of the conference and information on how to register and submit abstracts will be available shortly.

Due to the generosity of the attendees at the ABS 2020 conference dinner auction, our generous conference sponsors and our accumulated ABS funds, we are delighted to be able to offer a number of travel grants. The aim of these grants is to assist ABS members, who would otherwise find it difficult to attend due to the cost of travel, in making their way to the conference. Note that in addition to encouraging students to apply we are also keen to encourage other low-income earners or wildlife rehabilitators to apply as well.

Grant details

- A number of grants will be offered, to a total of \$5,000 (or potentially more if we receive lots of worthy applications).
- Maximum amount for an individual grant is \$600 if coming from within Australia or New Zealand.
- To support as many members as possible, grants may be less than \$600, with the amount allocated proportional to the distance travelled, factoring in the justification provided. On the other hand, if you are traveling from a long distance from within Australia/New Zealand to reach Brisbane and the travel costs are high, you can make the case for a small increase in the amount. Allocation of grant funding in excess of \$600 will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- If you are travelling from elsewhere in Australasia where the travel costs will be even higher, and so more funds would be required to assist your travel, please contact us and we can discuss options on a case-by-case basis.
- The grant can cover travel and/or accommodation costs (not registration fees).

Eligibility:

To apply you must be:

- a current ABS member;
- a student, low-income earner, wildlife rehabilitator, or conservation volunteer;
- able to present your research, caring or conservation activities at the conference (as a full-length talk, speed talk or poster);
- able to demonstrate how the travel grant will assist you being able to attend the conference.

Application process:

Applicants should put together a 1-2-page statement including the following:

1. Your name, address and contact details.
2. Confirmation that you are an ABS member (if not, please join before applying <http://ausbats.org.au/get-involved>);
3. Confirmation that you are a student, low-income earner, wildlife rehabilitator or conservation volunteer;
4. Title of your presentation for the conference, indicating the type (i.e. full-length talk, speed talk or poster);
5. A summary of your research, wildlife rehabilitation or conservation activities – this can be the Abstract for your conference presentation or a broader outline of your current work;
6. How attending the conference would benefit your research, wildlife rehabilitation or conservation activities;
7. How the travel grant would assist you in attending the ABS conference;
8. The amount you are requesting, providing a breakdown of the costs (e.g. cost of airfares, accommodation).

Applications should be emailed to Michael Pennay, Conservation Officer:
conservation@ausbats.org.au

The application closing date is **18 February 2022**.

All applicants (successful and unsuccessful) will be notified by **25 February 2022**.

We look forward to receiving your applications, and seeing you at the conference

Justin Welbergen
ABS President