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Georgina Sweet Award for Women
in Quantitative Biomedical Science

GEORGINA SWEET TRAVEL SUPPORT FOR A FEMALE KEYNOTE SPEAKER IN QUANTITATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE Guidelines

These guidelines and the award application form are available on the [Georgina Sweet Awards web site](http://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/research/georgina-sweet-awards/_nocache) (http://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/research/georgina-sweet-awards/_nocache).

1. AIMS AND BACKGROUND

These travel awards for visiting high profile female biomedical scientists were created by Professor Leann Tilley as part of her Australian Research Council Georgina Sweet Laureate Fellowship program to promote gender equity in science. The purpose of the travel awards is to help attract high profile international female biomedical scientists to participate as a guest speaker at biomedical science conferences hosted in Australia that have adopted and are enacting gender equity policies. Applications may be submitted by staff employed in any academic or research institution within Australia. Three grants of up to \$3,000 each will be awarded annually from 2016 – 2020.

2. FUNDING

Visits should be inbound to Australia for scientists to participate as a guest speaker at a biomedical science conference hosted in Australia to be held within one year of the application date. The standard award will be \$3,000, which will be transferred to the successful applicant's host institution. Eligible visitor expenses include:

- return international economy flights
- visa costs
- accommodation
- conference registration costs
- incidental costs related to attendance at the conference

Award funds **cannot** be used for:

- Salaries or other direct costs associated with the visit (such research related expenses)
- Activities that are not directly related to the participation at the conference

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Applicants should be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- 3.2 Applicants should be employed as continuing or contracted academic staff at an academic and / or research institution.
- 3.3 Honorary and adjunct academic staff are not eligible to apply.
- 3.4 Only one speaker per conference will be eligible for consideration for the award.

4. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- 4.1 Reputation and esteem of the proposed international visitor in a field of quantitative biomedical science.
- 4.2 Demonstrated gender equity policy of the biomedical science conference that the visitor will participate as a keynote speaker. This should include evidence that the conference has an explicit and published gender equity policy.
- 4.3 Evidence of additional benefits arising from the visit, such as pre- or post-conference research collaborations, participation in career mentorship events.

Note: Applications that are incomplete, exceed the word limit or do not comply with the guidelines will not be considered.

5. KEY DATES

Applications can be submitted at any time. Once all three awards have been allocated for the year, this will be noted on the web site where the award documents are hosted, and further applications will not be accepted for conferences in the relevant timeframe. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application within a month of the submission date.

6. FUNDING CONDITIONS

- 6.1 The award will be paid in a single payment to the successful applicant's host institution in Australia or to the nominated scientific society or conference committee organizing the conference.
- 6.2 A half page report must be submitted by the successful applicant within 6 weeks of the close of the conference. This report should address the original rationale for inviting the visitor and include a short summary of all relevant visitor activities. The report, or extracts from it, may be published on the Travel Award web site for publicity purposes.
- 6.3 The successful applicant must provide a reconciliation the funds spent in the template supplied. Any unspent funds are to be returned. If the proposed international visitor is unable to attend the conference, the full award amount must be returned.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All enquiries for the award should be directed to Ms Shannon Kenny, email: shannon.kenny@unimelb.edu.au .

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