**MSA CONFERENCE TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION IMSTEC2025 is now open!**

To assist MSA members (HDR students and early-career researchers (ECRs)) in attending the upcoming conference, [IMSTEC 2025](https://www.imstec.com.au/), which will be held at Crowne Plaza, Surfers Paradise, Australia, from December 8 to 11, 2025, MSA will sponsor travel awards to cover the early-bird conference registration fee.

(ECRs are defined as researchers within five years of completing their PhD)

**Eligibility**

* Must be an active MSA member (HDR student or ECR) for at least six months before submitting the travel application.
* Must have their abstract accepted and be the presenting author of an oral presentation at the conference.
* Must not have previously won a travel grant from MSA during the calendar year.

**Selection Criteria**

Applicants will be selected by a panel of judges based on their track record relative to the opportunity, the quality and significance of their research abstract, justification of eligibility and engagement in MSA volunteer activities.

*Applicants who meet all eligibility criteria and demonstrate an active association with the MSA will be strongly considered.*

**Travel Funding Use – What the MSA grant support program is for?**

This conference travel award is provided specifically for the sponsorship of IMSTEC2025 registration (early-bird reg fee: Student AUD $550, ECR AUD $1000).

**How to apply?**

The application form must be submitted via email to the MSA Conference Travel Funding Committee (funding@membrane-australasia.org & huacheng.zhang@rmit.edu.au) with the subject line: “**IMSTEC2025 conference travel award application**” at the announced deadline.

**Submission deadline for the MSA Conference Travel Award: 15 August 2025**

**Conditions**

To qualify for this travel funding program, the awardee must meet the following terms and conditions:

* Reporting – Awardees must write a short article for the MSA Newsletter, highlighting relevant points of interest to MSA members. The article can cover the conference or other MSA-related topics.
* Acknowledgment – Awardees must acknowledge MSA (including its logo) for providing financial support in their presentation materials.

**Contact us**

If you would like further information on the MSA conference travel funding program, contact award funding program coordinator: A/Prof. Huacheng Zhang ([funding@membrane-australasia.org](mailto:funding@membrane-australasia.org) or [huacheng.zhang@rmit.edu.au](mailto:huacheng.zhang@rmit.edu.au))

**MSA CONFERENCE TRAVEL FUNDING SUPPORT PROGRAM for IMSTEC2025**

**(a) Application Form**

***Applicant details:*** *\_\_\_\_\_ PhD student \_\_\_\_\_ ECR?*

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*Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*MSA membership number:* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Conference details***

*Name of conference: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Venue (including country) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Has your abstract been accepted as an oral presentation? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No*

*Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

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| *Justification of eligibility (Write max of 100 words to support your application):* |

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| ***Required supporting documents: Attach the completed application form along with the following supporting documents (i-v) as a single PDF and submit via email to*** *A/Prof. Huacheng Zhang via email at* [*funding@membrane-australasia.org*](mailto:funding@membrane-australasia.org) & [huacheng.zhang@rmit.edu.au](mailto:huacheng.zhang@rmit.edu.au) *with the subject line: “IMSTEC* ***conference travel award application****)*  *(i) Cover letter (1-page max): Clearly explain why you are applying for the MSA Travel Funding Support. Outline the potential benefits to membrane science and/or industry and describe your previous and current contributions to MSA.*  *(ii) Proof of MSA membership (1 page)*  *(iii) Curriculum vitae (2 pages max)*  *(iv) Proof of oral abstract acceptance*  *(v) Copy of submitted abstract* |