**MSA TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATION for ICOM2023 is now open!**

In order to assist MSA members (HDR students and early career researchers (ECRs)) to attend the upcoming conference: 13th International Congress on Membranes and Membrane Processes (ICOM2023) Chiba, Japan, 9-14 July 2023. MSA will sponsor travel awards to support early-bird conference registration fee.

(ECRs here are defined as researchers within 5 years post-PhD graduation)

**Eligibility**

* Must be an active member (HDR student or ECR) of the MSA for at least 6 months prior to submission of 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 according to their track record relative to the opportunity, the quality of abstract and significance of research, justification of eligibility, 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 travel award is provided specifically for the sponsorship of ICOM2023 conference registration.

**How to apply?**

The application form must be submitted via email to the MSA Travel Funding Committee ([funding@membrane-australasia.org](mailto:funding@membrane-australasia.org)) with the subject line: “**ICOM2023 travel award application**” at the announced deadline. The outcome of the application will be announced within 2 weeks after the deadline.

**MSA travel award application submission deadline: 7 April 2023**

**Conditions**

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

* Reporting – write a short article as a contribution to the MSA Newsletter, highlighting relevant points of interest to MSA members (can be about the conference or other member-related topics);
* Acknowledgment – the MSA (including the logo) must be acknowledged for providing financial support in the presentation materials.

**Contact us**

If you would like further information on the MSA travel funding program, contact

* Travel funding program coordinator: Dr. Gayathri Naidu ([funding@membrane-australasia.org](mailto:funding@membrane-australasia.org) or [Gayathri.Danasamy@uts.edu.au](mailto:Gayathri.Danasamy@uts.edu.au))

**MSA TRAVEL FUNDING SUPPORT PROGRAM for ICOM2023**

**(a) Application Form**

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

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*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 (a) application form with supporting documents (i-v) as one PDF document and submit via email to*** *Dr. Gayathri Naidu via email at* [*funding@membrane-australasia.org*](mailto:funding@membrane-australasia.org) *with the subject line: “****ICOM2023 travel award application****)*  *(i) Cover letter (1 page max) (Specify in cover letter why are you applying for the MSA travel funding support? Specify the potential benefits toward membrane science and/or industry that this support could bring. Specify your previous and current MSA contribution*  *(ii) Proof of MSA membership (1 page)*  *(iii) Curriculum vitae (2 pages max)*  *(iv) Proof of oral abstract acceptance*  *(v) Copy of submitted abstract* |