



2016 Howard See Future Rheologist Travel Award — *conditions*

The Australian Society of Rheology (ASR) established an award to assist Australian post-graduate students to advance their rheology research career.

The biennial A\$2,500 award was named in honour of the late Howard See (Associate Professor, School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at The University of Sydney). The award was created to assist future rheologists who have distinguished themselves in rheological research or practice.

The purpose of the award is to assist with travel costs to present a rheology paper at an international conference.

Applicant Conditions:

Applicants for the Howard See Future Rheologist Travel Award must meet the following conditions:

- (a) The applicant is currently enrolled in a postgraduate research degree (Masters or PhD) at an Australian university*.
- (b) The applicant's research has a substantial rheology component.
- (c) The applicant and at least one of their supervisors are current members of the ASR.
- (d) The applicant has not received the Award previously.

* Subject to the absolute discretion of the award sub-committee, future rheologists (within 5 years of graduation from a Bachelor's degree) undertaking *industrial research* into a rheological topic at a level equivalent to that implicit in condition (a) may also be considered.

The applicants must:

- (a) Demonstrate the scientific quality of their research, including its importance and innovativeness.
- (b) Be the primary author.
- (c) Provide a copy of the abstract for the proposed conference paper.
- (d) Provide the proposed travel itinerary showing the conference(s) and any other institutions that will be visited (mentioning any other lectures to be given).

The travel to the international conference must occur within 18 months of receipt of the award. International conferences held within Australia are allowed to be nominated. Conferences that occur during, or prior to, the award assessment are not allowed to be nominated.



Application Process:

The application process comprises several stages:

Stage 1: Submit application form

Complete the award application form available on the ASR website (www.rheology.org.au) and email it to **Dr. Russell J. Varley** (Russell.Varley@deakin.edu.au).

The applicant should submit their abstract (on a rheological topic), in the format appropriate for the respective conference. The application form will ask for confirmation that the applicant satisfies the eligibility requirements and will abide by the conditions of the award, with the applicant's signature.

A signature from the applicant's supervisor endorsing the application and an assurance that the applicant and university will abide by the conditions of the award is also required.

Applications close at midnight on **Wednesday, the 31st of August 2016**.

Stage 2: Basic eligibility check

Eligibility will be checked by the ASR award sub-committee, including a check of membership status by the ASR Treasurer. Applicants will be notified of the outcome, and eligible applicants will be invited to present their research to the ASR award sub-committee (*i.e.* Stage 3).

Stage 3: Presentation to ASR award sub-committee

All eligible applicants will present the research described in their abstracts to the ASR award sub-committee in 10 minute oral format, supported by an electronic (PowerPoint) presentation, with an additional 5 minutes for questions.

A presentation template will be not provided. The applicants can use their university template or the slide format appropriate for the respective conference. The slides must be numbered and emailed to the ASR award sub-committee 24 hours prior to the presentation.

The mode of presentation will be *via* an on-line webinar service or phone conference call, which will be organised by the ASR award sub-committee.

The ASR award sub-committee will subsequently confer to decide which applicant to support with the Howard See Future Rheologist Travel Award. The applicants will be notified of the decision via email within one week of completing the presentations.



General members of the ASR may also be able to view the presentations, but will not be able to vote.

Stage 4: Award

The award will be presented to the applicant who, in the opinion of the adjudicating ASR award sub-committee led by the ASR council nominated award sub-committee leader:

- (a) has made the most original and significant contribution to any branch of rheological research (experimental, computational or theoretical);
- (b) has demonstrated effective presentation skills (*i.e.* clear message, adherence to allocated time, slide layout, *etc.*); and,
- (c) will be able to make a significant impact by presenting at the nominated conference.

It is important that the presentation can be clearly and readily understood by scientists and engineers who are non-specialists in the candidate's field while still conveying the significance of their research.

Note:

- (a) The ASR award sub-committee has the right to withhold the award if there is not a suitable applicant.
- (b) The ASR award sub-committee will not provide feedback to the applicants regarding their application or presentation.
- (c) The ASR award sub-committee decision is final.

The award will be disbursed through the applicant's university invoicing ASR to reimburse conference-related expenditures. It is not necessary to have already spent the money or been accepted by the conference organisers at the time of application, due to difficulty in lining up the award deadline with conference deadlines.

Awardee undertakings:

The awardee will:

- (a) Give an oral presentation at a conference
- (b) Acknowledge support from the ASR, *via* the Howard See Future Rheologist Travel Award, at the conference.
- (c) Within three months of their return from the conference:
 - Write a conference review (at least three pages), which may be published on the ASR website.



- Provide a one- or two-paragraph overview of the conference that can be emailed to members and posted in the news section of the ASR website.
- (d) Within six months of their return from the conference give a branch lecture on their paper, the conference and other highlights. ASR Council will assist the awardee with organisation of the event.
- (e) Provide a copy of the conference expense receipts, if requested.

Failure to meet all these undertakings may result in ASR withdrawing the award and the ASR council requesting the awardee's university to reimburse the A\$2,500 award money.

Enquiries:

To enquire about any matters that are not explained in the above conditions or in the application form, please contact either of the following:

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