



**Australian Society for Microbiology  
NSW-ACT Branch**

**ASM NSW-ACT BRANCH  
EARLY CAREER MICROBIOLOGIST AWARD**

**Award:** The Award is a contribution of up to \$1000 (towards registration fees / airfares / accommodation) to assist the recipient to attend the Australian Society for Microbiology Annual National conference in the same year the Award is given.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be working as a scientist in a microbiology laboratory (clinical, diagnostic, research or industry). The applicant should have been working in the field of microbiology for less than 5 years (FTE) when the Award application is submitted. Applicants must have been members of the Australian Society for Microbiology for at least 12 months before the Award application is submitted and a resident of NSW/ACT at time of application.

Note: Postdoctoral researchers are not eligible to apply for this award.

**Criteria:**

Applicants must submit an application consisting of the following:

1. A cover letter supporting their eligibility for the Award, including their work achievements to date, a demonstrated pro-active contribution to the field of microbiology and outlining how attendance at the ASM conference will benefit their career.
2. A brief curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's qualifications, continuing education, employment history, publications and presentations.
3. Two referee's reports (to be submitted by the referees directly to the Branch committee, [awards@asmnsw.com.au](mailto:awards@asmnsw.com.au)) supporting the applicant for the Award, summarising and confirming the applicant's eligibility. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their referees submit the reports to the ASM NSW-ACT Branch committee by the closing date.

**Conditions of the Award:**

1. A maximum of one award will be given per year. No award may be given in the event that the NSW–ACT Branch committee determines there is no suitable applicant.
2. Publication of the Awardee with photo in the Branch newsletter Syntrophy and at the Branch AGM.
3. Payment will be provided upon presentation of tax invoices or receipts.

Note: There is a career limit of one award per applicant.

**Closing Date:** COB 30th April every year.

**Email applications to:**

Australian Society for Microbiology NSW-ACT Branch:

Thiru Vanniasinkam, [tvanniasinkam@csu.edu.au](mailto:tvanniasinkam@csu.edu.au)

(include "ASM NSW-ACT Early Career Microbiologist Award [surname]" in the subject line)