

Frank Fenner Award

The Frank Fenner Award for Advanced Research in Infectious Diseases is named in honour of Professor Frank Fenner, an Australian pioneer of viral research. Prof Fenner played a central part in the global eradication of smallpox, Chairing the World Health Organization Global Commission for the Certification of Smallpox Eradication. Prof Fenner was an active member of ASID and was the patron of the society from 2000 until his death in late 2010, aged 95.

Eligibility

The Frank Fenner Award is open to ASID Full or Associate members who have performed a substantial portfolio of original research in Infectious Diseases, and who are currently enrolled in, or have completed, a research higher degree, within the last ten years. ASID will extend criteria for entry post award of PhD due to career disruptions, based on NHMRC's policy. Applicants are required to add a career disruption statement to their submission when applicable.

Value

Awardees will receive up to \$2,000 in reimbursements to support their attendance at the ASID Annual Scientific Meeting, as well as free registration to the Meeting. Please refer to ASID's travel policy. Awardees will be expected to attend and actively participate in the full ASM, which includes presenting the annual Frank Fenner Oration, based on their research portfolio.

Receipts will be required to claim reimbursement of actual expenses and currency of each claim should be clarified. Claims can be made for travel, accommodation, visa application, travel insurance and incidental costs.

Application

Applications for the Frank Fenner Award usually open a few months before the ASID Annual Scientific Meeting. Members are notified via the ASID communication channels: *The Weekly Dose* and LinkedIn.

- Letter of application;
- Record of original research consisting of 5 - 10 papers, published not more than 7 years prior to the closing date, along with a list of publications and summary of research. The applicant's contribution to the research must be specified and other authors must be listed (in the case of multiple authors, the contribution of the applicant should be clearly defined);
- Any unpublished manuscripts suitable for publication, and based on work performed over the same period;

- Current CV (include date degree was awarded);
- Career disruption statement if applicable;
- Letters from two referees who are ASID Full members;

Applications are to be emailed to submissions@asid.net.au

Awardees are required to submit a report to ASID on award outcomes and impact

- Overview of the scope of activity undertaken with the support of the ASID award/grant
- Key outcomes and impact across any of the following areas:
 - How did the funding from this award/grant contribute to your research project and / or career development
 - Would the outcomes have been possible without this funding? If not, what would have been different?
 - What would you say to future applicants about the importance of the received award / grant?

ASID award or grant funds are to be used within 12 months of being awarded. An extended term to use funds will apply to members that are or will commence paternity or maternity leave during the first 6 months of receiving the award/grant. Communication by the award/grant recipient with the ASID secretariat is required in advance.

Following the award announcement, recipients will receive a confirmation letter congratulating their achievement and outlining the following:

- The award details and scope
- Terms and conditions.
- Confirmation of relevant banking details to enable payment
- Supply of receipts for any reimbursements

Awardees will be required to sign and return the letter confirming their understanding of ASID's Terms and Conditions prior to ASID providing financial disbursement.

Where appropriate and mutually agreeable, recipients are encouraged to contribute to the advancement of ASID's purpose by:

- Participating in ASID conferences, working groups, or committees.
- Provide testimonies in support of future applicants and for promotion of ASID activities
- Supporting the development of early-career professionals through mentorship or collaboration

The judging panel will be formed by members of the ASID Board. The award will not be granted on the basis of research for which a previous Frank Fenner Award has been received. Previous winners may not apply. However, previously unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to apply, providing they are still eligible.