

AAABG TRAVEL AWARD for WCGALP 2026

(World Congress on Genetics Applied to
Livestock Production)



The AAABG Travel Awards for the WCGALP are conferred by a special Awards Committee appointed by the AAABG Committee. Up to two awards will be granted for postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand, at the discretion of the committee, every four years in the lead-up to the WCGALP. Each award is valued at up to AUD \$5,000 and is open to PhD or MSc students enrolled at an Australian or New Zealand university at the time of the WCGALP.

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must be a current postgraduate animal genetics student at an Australian or New Zealand University at the time of the WCGALP where the student proposes to present their research.

Selection Criteria

- Awards will be granted based on the **merit of the application**, including:
 - The applicant's motivation to attend WCGALP.
 - The quality of the submitted abstract.
 - Shortlisted students will then be contacted to provide their full WCGALP paper
 - Endorsement from the student's supervisor will be requested for shortlisted students.
- A **realistic and itemised budget estimate** must be included, detailing:
 - Airfares, local travel, accommodation, conference registration (if applicable), and other relevant expenses.
 - The amount requested from AAABG must not exceed AUD \$5,000.
 - If total travel costs exceed this amount, applicants must indicate the source(s) of additional funding (e.g. other grants, institutional support, or self-funding).

Additional Conditions

- Applicants will not normally be awarded more than one AAABG Travel Award.
- Successful applicants must submit a one-page report on their experience at WCGALP to the AAABG Executive Officer (including photos) by 1st September 2026. This report may be published by AAABG or WCGALP in full or part on their website, social media, newsletter and other forums.

Payment of the Travel Award

- If successful in receiving a AAABG Travel Award, the payment will be made in two stages:
 - Up to eighty percent (80%) of the award will be paid into the Awardees nominated bank account in advance of travel upon receipt of proof of purchase (i.e. airfares, conference registration, accommodation). Proof of adequate travel insurance must be provided prior to any payment being made.
 - The remaining funds will be provided after the travel has been completed and the committee has accepted the one-page report and accompanying photographs.

- Payment can be made into a personal or institutional bank account.
- In the event of cancellation, the Awardee will make all reasonable attempts to recoup costs, and whatever remaining funds will be returned to the AAABG.

The Application

- A complete application, saved as a single pdf document, must be lodged with the AAABG Executive Officer by the closing date and must include ONLY the following:
 - A completed application form,
 - A completed Budget Estimate Statement providing all relevant travel costs and proposed travel dates, as well as flight, registration and hotel estimates.

Closing Date

Applications close on 21 November 2025.

Submitting the Application Form and Supporting Documentation

Please ensure that you complete all sections of the Application Form as per the instructions and provide all supporting documentation as requested in the Terms and Conditions and Application form.

Completed applications, saved as a single pdf document, are to be emailed to the AAABG Executive Officer, Sue Hatcher (sue@makinoutcomes.com.au)

Applications will be assessed by a AAABG special committee.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 16 February 2026.

Enquiries

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Privacy Statement

The Association for the Advancement of Animal Breeding and Genetics (AAABG) is subject to the provisions of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 and applicants are entitled to protection of their privacy. This means that any information AAABG collects about you, including personal details, academic progress details, and personal welfare information, is treated by AAABG according to strict guidelines. Access to your information is restricted to the AAABG Committee and AAABG Awards Committee who will need the information to carry out their responsibilities relating to the selection of awardees.

Other than in accordance with any legal obligation, AAABG will not disclose personal information about you. This means we will not release any information we hold about you such as your address, without your permission.

The exceptions to the general application of these guidelines are the obligations imposed on AAABG by law, Government regulation, or the requirement for normal operation of AAABG which includes the following:

- AAABG will publish the names of the successful applicants of the Travel Award for the WCGALP,
- AAABG will publish the one-page report that you provide on your experiences related to being the recipient of the Travel Award for the WCGALP on their website, in their newsletter or other such publication.