

PAT BARKLEY FOUNDATION

What are the objects of the Foundation?

To assist the Australian Citrus Industry to maintain access to world-class technical expertise, through the provision of travel grants for international travel to attend scientific meetings/ workshops/ short term training programs or to visit with world-leading scientists overseas.

The perceived benefits from the travel grants to the individual and to the citrus industry are:

1. Conference attendance is an extremely important component of research, as it often allows a scientist to present their latest unpublished data and receive feedback from a broad spectrum of researchers in their field, allows the scientist to learn about the latest research performed in other laboratories, which can guide their future experiments and establishes collaboration and other 'networking'.
2. Acquisition of new knowledge or technical expertise in a specific area through a visit to another laboratory or institution relevant to their work, or through a workshop or short term training program.

Who will be invited to apply for the grants?

Any Australian citizen, resident in Australia, and engaged in citrus research, who can demonstrate sufficient levels of expertise and technical knowledge in citriculture to enable them to capture and extend the benefits of a travel/sabbatical or other technical development opportunity. Post-graduate students engaged in citrus research may apply. Applicants must intend to work citrus research in Australia for the following 3 years.

On the basis of what selection criteria will the grants be made?

Successful applicants will be chosen according to the following criteria:

Priority will be given to applicants who wish to attend a scientific conference/workshop and

- have been invited to present their work at the conference/workshop, or
- have submitted an abstract which has been accepted (or is highly likely to be accepted) for presentation, or
- have been invited to participate in a workshop or to chair a session etc. or
- can demonstrate the value of their attendance to themselves and the Australian citrus industry

The applicant must be able to demonstrate:

- A research capability and technical expertise in a field of citriculture in Australia
- The potential benefit from an exchange of knowledge with overseas scientists.
- Efforts made to maintain international linkages and technical expertise through other available avenues
- An ability to report clearly to technical and industry audiences
- Applications must be well-researched, with clearly defined objectives and a plan for applying the knowledge gained to the benefit of the Australian citrus industry.

Additional application details required:

- purpose of visit
- curriculum vitae including date of birth, tertiary qualifications (institutions and dates awarded), research experience, publications
- detailed budget
- other sources of funds for travel
- either (a) evidence of invitation to visit a laboratory, or (b) evidence of registration at the scientific meeting plus a copy of the abstract to be presented
- the names of two referees who can provide reports including interest, commitment and ability of applicant as well as the scientific benefit from travel.

A comprehensive report must be submitted within three months of travel.

The report should include the outcomes of the visit, such as:

- the extent and value of international research collaborations established;
- details of new applications of technology and the uptake of new technology;

Who will make up the selection panel to determine who will receive the grants?

The ACG President, ACG Vice President, Horticulture Australian Limited Industry Services Manager and Pat Barkley.

How will the Foundation raise funds?

Donations are the only funding method under consideration.

When funds are provided to recipients, the Foundation will endeavour to seek matching Commonwealth funding support through Horticulture Australia Ltd.

**Calls for applications for 2007/08 bursaries are now open,
with the deadline being the 31st January 2008.**

**For further details, contact the
Australian Citrus Growers on (03) 5023 6333.**