



Cure4CF Foundation International Travel Award 2026

Deadline for applications: 8 October 2025

Aim

The Cure4CF travel award will be awarded to **two individuals** on the basis of the scientific merit of their submitted abstract to the 2026 TSANZ ASM. The aim of the award is to support the professional development of the awardees in their undertaking of cystic fibrosis research. There will be **one award for an early career researcher** and **one award for a mid-career researcher**.

Each award consists of **AU\$5,000** ex **GST** to contribute to expenses associated with attending and presenting an abstract reporting on cystic fibrosis research undertaken in Australia, at an international scientific meeting of the recipient's choice within 12 months of the award.

Cure4CF Foundation's purpose is to accelerate cure focused and life extending research for cystic fibrosis. In 2025, we have partnered with TSANZ to extend our research funding to support the best researchers and accelerate cystic fibrosis research outcomes. We recognise the need to invest in the future generations of cystic fibrosis researchers to grow capacity.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a travel award, applicants must:

- Be a current member of TSANZ¹,
- A citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand, or have the requisite work or study visa and be endorsed by the Administering Institution²,
- Have submitted an abstract as a presenting author for the TSANZ ASM,
- Be able to provide evidence of submission / nominate an international meeting within the 12 months from award at which they will present an abstract.

EARLY CAREER AWARD

 Be currently undertaking advanced training in any health or science discipline relevant to cystic fibrosis or a higher degree (i.e. an AQF Level 9 or 10 qualifications, e.g. PhD in an area directly relevant to cystic fibrosis),

or

 Have completed advanced training in any health or science discipline or graduated with a research higher degree in an area directly relevant to cystic fibrosis within the last five years (relative to opportunity) of the closing date for this application. Career interruptions should be specified in track record.

MID CAREER AWARD

 Have completed advanced training in any health or science discipline or graduated with a research higher degree in an area directly relevant to cystic

¹ Financial member of the TSANZ who has obtained the support of a proposer and seconder and has been endorsed by the TSANZ Board

² The application is endorsed by the Administering Institution to have the requisite work or study visa in place at the time of accepting the successful grant and will remain employed for the duration of the funding period.

	fibrosis. The applicant will be up to ten years' post research higher degree and with no more than 2 years as an Associate Professor, at the time of applications closing. Career interruptions should be specified in track record.	
	Note: Applicants can receive this award only once in each career category.	
Condition	 The following conditions apply to this award. If accepted: - The award must be used within one year of the TSANZ 2026 ASM. Recipients are required to submit a report for publication in the Cure4CF Foundation and TSANZ newsletters and/or Annual Report within 3 months of attending the conference. Recipients are required to attend a Cure4CF event in person or on-line within 12 months of accepting the award. Recipient gives permission for Cure4CF Foundation to use their names, award and report on their website, socials and in the Annual Report. 	
	Funds may not be used to cover any overhead costs levied by the Administering Institution.	
	 Recipients are required to acknowledge support from Cure4CF Foundation in their presentation at the nominated international meeting. 	
Applications	 Applicants must submit an electronic application as a PDF file via the online abstract submission portal. In order to be considered for this award, your application must be submitted by the deadline and must include: One TSANZSRS2026 abstract as your nomination for this award. A CV/track record statement (maximum two A4 pages). Include any significant career disruptions supporting eligibility outside the listed criteria. Publications over the last five years, excluding career disruptions (unlimited pages). All text must be submitted on A4 pages with a 2cm margin to the top, bottom, left and right. Text must be single line spaced, with size 12 Times New Roman font. No columns are permitted. 	
Selection Process	Applications will be assessed by members of the TSANZ Awards Committee and shortlisted for the Cure4CF Research and Commercialisation Committee who will make a recommendation according to the following criteria:	
	Criterion	500/
	Scientific Quality Significance and Innovation	50% 25%
	Track Record	25%
	Total	100%
	 The award will be presented at the TSANZ ASM; however, the successful applicants will be notified prior to the 2026 ASM. The \$5,000 award will be released to the awardee upon acceptance of an abstract at an international conference. 	
Enquiries	Please direct enquires to TSANZawards@thoracic.org.au	

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