**APPS STUDENT AND EARLY-CAREER RESEARCHER CONFERENCE BURSARY SCHEME TO ATTEND AUSTRALASIAN MYRTLE RUST CONFERENCE**

**GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

The Australasian Plant Pathology Society (APPS) will provide bursaries for students and early career researchers to attend the Australasian Myrtle Rust Conference held in Sydney from 21-23 June 2023

For this conference the bursaries will be awarded as registration fee to the conference, field day and conference dinner, including travel and accommodation.

**INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT**

Funds will be allocated on a competitive basis by the Selection Committee. The committee reserves the right not to allocate bursaries. Priority will be given to students and ECR that have no other financial assistance to attend the conference. Priority will be given to students/ECRs who have NOT received a bursary from APPS in the last 4 years.

**To be eligible for funding, the applicant must:**

* *Be an ECR or student enrolled in an Honours, Masters or PhD program on a full or part-time basis in Australasia, the Pacific region or South East Asia and, if in an Honours degree, must be near completion;*
* ECRs must have been awarded a PhD within five years, or longer if combined with periods of significant career interruption.  Applicants without PhD qualifications but with up to 10 years’ experience in the plant pathology industry are also considered as ECRs.
* *Provide evidence of requirement for funds (i.e. value of any other scholarships applied for);*
* *Include a signed letter of recommendation from their Principal Supervisor; Complete all sections of the application form; Submit a 100 word (approx.) written statement outlining the relevance of attending the conference to their research;*
* *Give a presentation at the meeting (posters are acceptable);*
* *Provide an acceptance letter for their presentation;*
* *Complete a conference report, with photographs, upon return for inclusion in the APPS newsletter. Additionally, presentation of their talk at a local APPS symposium in coordination with their local Regional Councillor is strongly encouraged*

Applications will be accepted without the confirmation of conference registration or acceptance of oral presentations; however, funds will only be issued to successful applicants once the student/ECR has supplied proof of registration and the acceptance letter for their presentation.

**APPLICATION DATE**

Applications must be submitted **via email to (peri.tobias@sydney.edu.au)** on the attached application form by 12 May 2023, and applicants will be notified of their success (or not) no later than Friday 26 May 2023.