

**Australasian Grain Science Association Inc.  
A B Blakeney Early Career Development Scholarship**



**The Scholarship:**

Anthony Bernard (Tony) Blakeney was a highly cited grain scientist who throughout his working life was actively involved in many learned societies because of the roles they could play in standardising analytical methods for the grains industry, but especially their importance for personal professional development through the organisation of conferences, workshops and educational programs and dissemination of information.

Tony was a driver in the formation of AGSA, a founding member and its inaugural chairman.

Tony encouraged students and persons new to the grains industry to become members of and get involved with the activities of the learned societies, national and international, relevant to their disciplines. Grain science is not constrained by national borders, so Tony considered international travel as integral to developing the network of colleagues and friends needed to be an effective grain scientist.

This scholarship provides the opportunity for an early career grain scientist to travel to an international meeting to assist with the development of their career.

**Purpose:** To provide funds for a graduate (preferably with a PhD or higher degree) of less than eight years working in the field of grain science in Australia to attend an International Conference, like AACC International's annual conference or an ICC Bread congress or similarly targeted international meeting.

**Eligibility:** Open to all recent graduates in grain science of less than eight years, currently working in industry or research centres in the field of grain science in Australasia.

**Frequency of the scholarship:** The scholarship will be only offered every third year, but in the event of the selection committee determining that a suitable candidate did not exist, it will be offered the next year and then every third year after that. Call for applications for this scholarship will be made in the February-March edition of the AGSA Newsletter and also be posted on the website in the year the scholarship is being offered.

**Responsibilities:** The scholarship awardee is expected to present a paper (oral/poster) at the proposed international conference and an oral paper at the next AGSA Annual Conference following attendance at an international conference. They will also present a one page report to the Chair of the AGSA Awards Committee within 30 days of returning to Australia.

The report must name the key networking contacts made at the conference and benefits to industry and/or their area of research from attendance at the meeting.

**Applications:** Applications are to be addressed to the Chair, AGSA Awards Committee and are to be received by April 1 in the year the award is offered. Address details for the Chair of the Awards committee are available on the AGSA website: [www.ausgrainscience.org](http://www.ausgrainscience.org).

**The current Chair is: Dr Lindsay O'Brien. Email address:**

**[lobrien@longreachpb.com.au](mailto:lobrien@longreachpb.com.au)**

Applicants must include a copy of their CV, the abstract to be presented at Annual Conference, a statement of one page or less of the proposed International Conference they would attend if they received the award and how receipt of the award would benefit their career in grain science.

**Value:** A \$3000 grant to assist with travel, registration and accommodation for attendance at an international conference.

**Responsibility for administration of the Award:**

Responsibility is with the Council and vested with the Awards Committee appointed by the Council of AGSA. Both Council and the Awards Committee need to be pro-active in ensuring high quality young grain scientists are encouraged to apply for the award and become active within AGSA.

The awards committee will take into account any or all of the following criteria when assessing applications and are free to consult with external experts in the fields of research of the applicant.

The novelty and uniqueness of the research and technology.

Likely contribution to knowledge and innovation of the research and technology.

The relevance and application to industry of the research and development.

Progress made in the last five years in the applicants' field of research and development.

Research grants applied for and received by the applicant.

Publications arising from the research and impact factors of the publications.