



2024 EMN Travel Bursary Award

Provided by the Early-Career Members Network (EMN) of the Metabolomics Society

The 2024 EMN Travel Bursary Awards aim to provide support for Early-Career scientists* to attend and actively participate in the 20th Annual Conference of the Metabolomics Society in Osaka, Japan to promote their professional development. The Metabolomics Society strives to promote diversity, inclusion, equality, therefore we highly encourage applications from low- and middle-income countries.

An eligible applicant must:

- Be within 5 years of obtaining highest degree
- **Be a member of the Metabolomics Society by March 16, 2024**
- Register for the conference and attend in person
- Submit an abstract for the conference by March 7, 2024
- Attend the EMN events at the conference
- Consent to their information being published on MetSoc related platforms

Up to 4 travel awards will be equally distributed between (i) graduate students (master or PhD students) and (ii) post-doctoral researchers to cover conference-related costs (such as registration fees and/or travel/accommodation expenses) up to \$650 USD.

Applicants must be presenting their own metabolomics research and be willing to promote the EMN and Metabolomics Society at the event through the use of logos and acknowledgements. **Both oral presentations and poster presentations** will be considered for the EMN travel award.

Applications will be reviewed by the Early-career Members Network (EMN) Committee following a pre-established scoring system. Scoring criteria can be found below.

The application deadline is March 7, 2024. All entries must be received before the stated deadline to be considered.

To apply, complete the travel award application form embedded within the abstract form on the conference website. You must select “Yes” for the question “Do you want to apply for the EMN Travel Bursary Awards?” and answer the questions that follow.

The application also requires:

- 1) a short motivation letter (800 characters max) describing why the applicant is applying for the EMN award, the applicant’s motivation to attend the conference, and need for financial support
- 2) upload a short CV of the applicant (1 page maximum, Arial font, 9.5 pt, 400 words max) and the proof of highest obtained degree (with the indicated date) as one single merged PDF document.
- 3) A list of other (potential) funding sources
- 4) Provide links to your university profile/ORCID and social networks

Applications that do not meet the above stated requirements will not be considered.

By completing this form, you agree with the terms and conditions.

Decisions will be communicated to all applicants over email by early May, and winners will be announced on the Metabolomics Society website, social media platforms and in the MetaboNews newsletter. The award certificate will be presented at the EMN Reception, where the presence of the EMN Travel Bursary winner is mandatory. Award payment will be via PayPal, we can provide instructions on securing a PayPal account if you do not already have one.

Selected abstracts and conference reports will be published in MetaboNews and/or on the Metabolomics Society website.

*All members of the Metabolomics Society that are graduate students (masters or PhD) or within 5-years post-PhD while being in a training position (e.g. post-doc) are considered early-career scientists. In certain cases where someone may be beyond the 5-year post-PhD limit, exceptions can be made if time off was taken for personal reasons (e.g. family, career break). Any applicants with 5-years full-time work experience (or equivalent) after obtaining their PhD shall not be considered an early-career scientist.

EMN Travel Bursary Award: Evaluation of Applications

The EMN committee members will review all applications, including eligibility for the travel bursary. In addition, each referee will provide three numerical ratings for each category (master student/PhDs and postdocs). The scores from 3 categories are averaged and the candidates ranked based on the highest to lowest scores.

For each applicant, the referees will assign scores in the following areas:

- **Scientific merit** – Rating the applicant's CV in terms of publication record, project participation and other merits in accordance with their career stage.
- **Research project/abstract** – Is there a strong rationale for the study? Does the study add significantly to the existing body of knowledge? Is this a novel question or is a novel technique used to answer the research question? Is the proposed project related to metabolomics?
- **Motivation** – Rating the motivation and the need of the applicant to receive financial support for attending a conference and their involvement with EMN of Metabolomics Society. As the Metabolomics Society strives for diversity, equality, and inclusion of members from under-represented groups, applications from low- and middle-income countries ([World Bank Country and Lending Groups – World Bank Data Help Desk](#)) are hence encouraged.

Ratings may range from 1 to 5, with 1 being "very weak" and 5 being "very strong."

If a referee has a relationship with a nominee that may be construed as a conflict of interest, the referee must notify the relationship in the Comments section.

The EMN committee decision is final.