

Alwyn Williams Fund

The Alwyn Williams Fund has been established to commemorate the life and work of the distinguished brachiopodologist Sir Alwyn Williams, and aims to provide funding to allow **young and early career brachiopod researchers** (under the age of 33 at the time of application) to attend appropriate international conferences. The fund particularly intends to support researchers from countries where it would otherwise be difficult to find the funds to allow them to participate in such events. Applications are therefore invited for financial support to attend the International Brachiopod Congress, 1-5 February, 2010, Melbourne, Australia. All successful applicants will be required to give a talk or present a poster at the conference itself, and to submit a manuscript to the conference volume (publication will be dependant on full academic review).



To apply for an award from the Alwyn Williams Fund, you should submit:

- 1) A description of your current work on brachiopods (maximum one page), including a brief overview of the content of the presentation, poster and paper to be delivered at the Congress;
- 2) A list of your postal and email address, your current employment or status, the names and contact details of two referees, and any other relevant information (you should, for example, mention any research collaboration or fieldwork that you intend to carry out while at the Congress or in Australia);
- 3) One page financial statement, which should list the total costs of attending the Congress (travel to Australia from your home country, accommodation, subsistence, registration, etc.) and clearly states the amount of funding requested from the Alwyn Williams Fund, and the purpose for which it is intended.

All applicants are expected to have applied to other appropriate agencies for financial support, and your application should clearly document these additional applications and the decision deadlines. All financial details must be listed in Australian dollars (i.e. convert your local currency to Australian dollars, and cite these figures in your application.)

Applications should be sent (preferably via email attachment) to:

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The Deadline for submission is **31 January 2009**. Applications will be considered by a panel of brachiopod experts, and decisions will be announced by the end of March 2009, to allow successful candidates to cite the receipt of an "Alwyn Williams Fund" grant in applications for additional funding. The panel will adopt a flexible approach to funding to ensure that the most deserving applicants are able to attend, but most awards are likely to cover only part of the total cost (with priority given to international travel).

The organisers of the International Brachiopod Congress are deeply indebted to Joan Williams for a donation which established the Alwyn Williams Fund, and which makes it possible to provide financial support that will encourage deserving members of a new generation of brachiopod researchers to continue the work that was so important to Sir Alwyn, to which he has made such an enduring contribution.

Contact Dr Gordon Curry at the address or email given above if you have any queries.