

# 2025 CONFERENCE

## BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY: OUR CHOICE, THEIR FUTURE

25-28 August 2025

Te Whanganui-a-tara Wellington

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# Di Marco Student Travel Grant 2025

The Australasian College of Toxicology and Risk Assessment (ACTRA) is offering a limited number of travel grants for students to attend this year's joint Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Australasia (SETAC AU) and ACTRA conference. Student travel grants are awarded to eligible students who apply and can demonstrate outstanding research efforts in the fields of toxicology, ecotoxicology, exposure science, new assessment methodologies and risk assessment. The travel grant consists of reimbursement of travel expenses up to an amount of \$1500 AUD. The successful candidates **must** present their research in an oral presentation at the conference, held in Wellington, New Zealand on 26-28 August 2025, with pre-conference workshops held on 25 August.

## Who is eligible?

Current full-time or part-time undergraduate or postgraduate students conducting original research in the fields of toxicology, ecotoxicology, exposure science, new assessment methodologies and risk assessment are eligible to apply. A current student is taken to mean a student who is enrolled in a relevant full-time or part-time course at the time of application to the student travel grant or is a recent graduate from their degree at the time of application. A recent graduate is taken to mean the relevant degree was successfully conferred within 12 months of application to the student travel grant.

## How to apply?

**Step 1:** Upload one file which includes your abstract, cover letter containing the criteria that makes you eligible, your contact details, and student ID by the **2 May 2025** to [this DropBox](#).

**Step 2:** Complete the abstract submission process as per the instructions on the [conference website](#).

## Nominations Process

All submissions will be objectively reviewed and assessed by a pre-selected panel of ACTRA members. All candidates will be notified whether their submission has been successful or not by mid-May 2025.

## Successful Candidates

ACTRA will reimburse successful candidates for registration and/or travel expenses to attend the joint SETAC and ACTRA conference up to a value of \$1500 AUD. Successful candidates will be allocated a time to orally present their work at the conference. In addition to being presented with a certificate at the conference, the candidate's success will be publicised in ACTRA's "Risky Business" E-newsletter and on ACTRA's LinkedIn homepage.

## Unsuccessful Candidates

Unsuccessful candidates will have the opportunity to submit their application as an abstract to the conference. Please notify the SETAC/ACTRA Conference Managers upon submission.



## Contact

If you have any questions regarding the process please email the SETAC/ACTRA Conference Managers.

### SETAC/ ACTRA Conference Managers

E: [setac.actra@confer.co.nz](mailto:setac.actra@confer.co.nz)

## History of the Travel Grant

The ACTRA Student Travel Grant was established by Peter Di Marco (ACTRA President 2011-2019; IUTOX President, 2019-2022) and supported through continuous donations by Peter and Karen Di Marco, Benchmark Toxicology Service P/L. In recognition of their outstanding ongoing contributions to encourage the involvement of research students in ACTRA Annual Scientific Meetings, the award was renamed the Di Marco Student Travel Grant at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

**Deadline 2 May 2025**

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## The Fine Print

The grant can be used towards registration costs for the conference (26-28 August 2025) as well as any pre-conference Workshops on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Successful applicants will be supplied with a registration link that does not require payment so if they would like to use some of the funding towards registration, they do not need to pay this out of pocket. The final reimbursement of the travel grant by ACTRA would then be up to the value of the grant minus the registration costs.

As part of the file (Word document or pdf) you need to upload to [this DropBox](#), please provide the following:

- A cover letter which contains the following information:
  - Name
  - Position
  - Institution
  - Address
  - Telephone Number
  - E-mail Address
  - The reason(s) you are requesting the Di Marco student travel grant and how you believe it will help you. Explain why you are interested in attending the conference. This should include: a) justification for importance of the research and b) innovativeness of the research and potential scientific impact.
- Proof of eligibility for the student travel grant / supporting documentation to confirm your current/recent enrolment in the relevant degree, e.g. scanned copy of your student ID, enrolment papers, conferral certificate of degree, supporting letter from your supervisor, etc.

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