

Australian Society for Fish Biology

Booklet of Student Awards, <http://www.asfb.org.au/awards/index.htm/>

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (May 2010):

- **Student International Travel Scholarship**
 - Up to \$5000; could be split into two
 - Manuscript + application due before annual meeting (TBA each year)
 - Must be a student member for >12 months
 - Encouraged to present a plenary talk following AFSB ann. mtg
 - Administered by Dr Mark Grubert

- **ASFB Conference Awards (see one-stop-shop form, via Conference Student Liaison):**
- **John Glover Travel Fund**
 - \$100 up to max 50% of travel costs or \$500 to annual meeting
 - FT students from an Austr or NZ school or uni/TAFE traveling over 500 km
 - Apply at least 6 weeks before the conference
 - Requires supervisor's note, to Conference Student Liaison Officer (CSLO)
 - min \$100, Max. \$500 ea,
- **John Lake Poster Award**
 - for Honours and Phd/MSc Awards (up to 2 awards)
 - Must be member at time of their talk;
 - Requires declaration letter with abstract submission to CSLO
 - \$600 ea
- **Gilbert P. Whitley Memorial Student Talk Award**
 - for Honours and Phd/MSc Awards (up to 2 awards)
 - Requires declaration letter with abstract submission to CSLO
 - \$600 ea
- **Victorian Marine Science Consortium (VMSC) student talk or poster award**
 - One award, same conditions as Whitley and Lake, automatically registered
 - \$500 ea (NEW)

- **Research support (via chair of Education sub-committee):**
- **Barry Jonassen Award**
 - For research support by a FT honours or Post-grad
 - Freshwater
 - Approximately \$1000
 - Usually 30 April deadline, with decision before annual meeting
 - Society vice president, or Education sub committee
- **Michael Hall Award for Innovation**
 - For research support by a FT honours or Post-grad
 - Marine
 - \$500
 - Usually 30 April deadline, with decision before annual meeting
 - Society vice president or Education sub-committee
- **Other Student Scholarships currently being advertised?**

Student International Travel Scholarship

This scholarship has been made available to support a student to present an oral paper at an international conference that is relevant to the activities of the Society, in the year of the award. The scholarship comprises a return airfare, registration fees plus a living allowance up to a total value of \$5,000 (split between two closely ranked papers). **Additionally the winner will be invited to give the presentation (possibly as a plenary speaker), and receive free registration to the following year's annual conference.**

The award is open to any student members of the Australian Society for Fish Biology Inc **FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS** (i.e. prior to applying), and who are currently enrolled as a post-graduate student at an Australian University or who are recent graduates of an Australian University (WITHIN 12 MONTHS).

Applications are in the form of a research paper written on any aspect of fish biology or fisheries (fish includes commercially important molluscs and crustaceans). As part of the application, candidates should nominate in writing what conference they wish to attend and its relevance to the aims and activities of the Society.

Papers should follow the format required by Marine and Freshwater Research.

Closing date for applications: 2 weeks before the annual meeting.

Applications should be sent to:

Dr Mark Grubert,
NT Fisheries, GPO Box 3000 Darwin,
NT AUSTRALIA 0801
Ph: 08 8999 2167, Fax: 08 8999 2065
Email: mark.grubert@nt.gov.au

The Society reserves the right not to make an award in any year if the quality of the applications does not meet the required standard.

Conditions

- The applicant must be an enrolled student or a graduate of an Australian University.
- The applicant must be a member of ASFB **FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS** prior to applying.
- A Scholarship Committee comprising 3 people is to be set up each year by the Executive Council with the purpose of judging the papers and presentations of applicants.
- A written paper is to be submitted to the Scholarship Committee **several weeks prior to the annual conference** in the year of application (see separate annual notification or e-mail organizer).
- Along with the paper, the applicant should nominate in writing what conference they wish to attend and its relevance to the aims and activities of the Society. This will comprise part of the Scholarship Committee's decision.
- Papers are to be refereed by the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee may co-opt external referees to assist in this process.
- On the basis of the written applications, a short list will be drawn up. At this stage the Committee may require one or all of the applicants to present their paper orally. Such oral presentations will be taken into account when the Scholarship Committee makes the final decision.

- The successful candidate will receive a return airfare, conference registration fees plus a living allowance up to a total value of \$5,000.
- The Executive Council may decide not to award the Scholarship in a particular year if it considers that the standard of application is insufficiently high.
- The rules for this Scholarship may be amended by the Executive Council but one years notice of any amendments shall be given to Society members.

Past success:

Past awardees

Date	Name	Organisation	Research topic & Conference attended
2011			
2010			
2009	Jodie Kemp	University of Melbourne	“Otolith shape and chemistry to distinguish cod species (<i>Genus Pseudophycis</i>) in the diet of Australian fur seals”.
2008	Faith Ochwada	University of NSW	Complexity affects habitat preference and predation mortality in postlarval <i>Penaeus plebejus</i> : implications for stock enhancement Conference:
2007	Matthew Taylor	University of NSW	“A predatory impact model and targeted stocking approach for optimal stocking of mulloway (<i>Argyrosomus japonicus</i>).” Conference: American Fisheries Society, Larval fish, Kiel Germany Mulloway biology, diet and migration with application to optimal densities for re-stocking estuaries
2006	Anne Lee	James Cook University	
2005	Travis Elsdon	University of Adelaide	Conference: 135th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Anchorage, Alaska, USA, September 2005. “Fish migratory contingents identified by comparing otolith and ambient Sr:Ca over temporal scales” Paper “Alternative life history patterns of estuarine fish: barium in otoliths elucidates freshwater residency”
2004			
2003	Tim Dempster	University of Sydney	Attraction of wild fish to sea-cage fish farms in the south-western Mediterranean Sea: spatial and short-term temporal variability Conference was 2003 European Marine Biology Symposium, Aviero, Portugal.
2002	Alison King	Monash University	Title: Attended the American Society for Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Annual meeting in Kansas, USA July 2002
2001	David Crook	Charles Sturt University	The influence of spatial scale and habitat arrangement on diel patterns of habitat use by two lowland river fishes. Attended the American Society for Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Annual meeting in Kansas, USA July 2002
2000	Jeremy Hindell	University of Melbourne	Effects of predatory fish on the assemblage structure of small fish in seagrass and unvegetated sand habitats. Attended the Indo Pacific Fish Conference in Durban South Africa in 2001.
1999	Chris Burrige	University of Tasmania	Molecular genetic investigations of cirrhitoid fishes Attended the American Fisheries Society Annual meeting in 1999. North Carolina USA.
1998	Kim Smith	University of NSW	Short term variability in larval fish assemblages of the Sydney shelf: tracers of hydrographic variability. Attended the American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in 1998, Hartford Connecticut USA.

John Glover Travel Fund -

The previous ASFB student travel awards were awarded from a competition to select the best written but unpublished paper prepared by a student, with the recipient to present the paper orally at the annual conference. In 1993 the nature of the award was changed to assist as many Australian students as possible to attend the annual conference. The new awards were named in honour of the late John Glover. To assist full time students at any Australian or New Zealand secondary, or tertiary institution, to attend the annual meeting of the Society

Conditions:

- The award is restricted to full time students at any Australian or NZ institution.
- Must be ASFB student members at time of conference.
- Deadline of application before early bird registration;
- The award ranges from \$100 up to 50% of travel costs up to a maximum of \$600 per successful applicant (fares to be at cheapest available rates). This award is for interstate and international travel, or for intrastate travel of over 500 km.

Process:

- Applicants must have a letter of support from their supervisor outlining their need for support and their general caliber (see website for a suggested letter). Please email letter of support and contact details to Conference Student Liaison Officer
- Successful applicants are encouraged to give a poster or presentation at the annual conference.

Award Application:

- Please email letter of support and contact details to the Conference Student Liaison Officer

John Glover Travel Fund Award Recipients:

2010 (Melbourne)

2009 (Perth). 23 students from James Cook University, University of Melbourne, Deakin University, University of NSW, Macquarie University, Adelaide University, University of Canberra, University of Queensland, and the Australian National University.

2008 (Bondi).

2007 (Canberra).

2006 (Hobart)

Kathryn Hassell, Matthew Gordon, Nicole McCasker, Paul Thuesen, Jonathan Werry, Vanessa Thompson, Cathy Nock, Steven Lindfield, Travis Howson, Renae Ayres, Joanne Kearns

2005 (Darwin)

Ashley Frisch, Heidi Pethybridge, Katherine Chesire, Rick Stuart-Smith, Ron Baker, Sara Busilacchi, Tim Karlov, Tobias Bickel

2004 (Adelaide)

2003 (Wellington, NZ)

2002 (*Cairns*)

2001 (*Bunbury WA*)

Michael Hammer (SA), Bruno David (NZ)

2000 (*Albury*)

Sarah Irvine, Karina Hall (Karina didn't accept as she also won the Gilbert Whitley award), Stephen Balcombe, Melissa Wheatley, Michael Hammer, Tariq Khan, Bruno David, Koh Chin Seah, Brendon Ebner, Andy Moore, Debashish Mazumder, Pricilla Martinez

1999 (*Bendigo*)

Janet Pritchard, Lianos Triantafillos, Sarah Russell, Kim Smith, Kylie Peterson, Don Bromhead, Tim Dempster, Karina Hall, Kylie Pitt

One of the sponsors of this year's conference, Hallprint, donated a \$200 prize to be awarded to a student. It was decided that this prize should be awarded to the student who had travelled the furthest distance to attend the conference/workshop. This prize was shared by Sarah Russel and Tim Dempster.

1998 (*Hobart*)

Pat Driver, Kim Smith, Jennifer McIllwain, Justin Chidlow, Jeremy Hindell, Alison King, Troy Gaston, Suzanne Round, David Crook, Brendan Ebner, Giri Kattel

John Lake Poster Award

This award was named in honour of the late John Lake, and commenced in 1987. It was initially a single award for a poster presented at the Society's annual conference. In 1992 this was extended to two prizes, a senior prize and a junior prize. The award was initially made possible by the Australia and New Guinea Fisheries Association (ANGFA) and the Federation of Victorian Aquarium Societies (FVAS). Both of these indicated that posters should preferably be relevant to fresh water fishes, but outstanding posters on other topics would be considered at the judges' discretion. The award is presented to encourage and support high quality poster presentations by students at the annual conference.

Conditions

- Work presented must deal with fish or fisheries, not necessarily exclusively in Australia.
- A Junior Award may be made to a student for a presentation of work completed as part of a B.Sc. Honours or M.Sc. preliminary project. Other categories such as Graduate Diploma may be included at the judges' discretion.
- For a Junior Award, work must be presented during, or within one year of completion of the degree.
- For a Senior Award, work should be part of M.Sc. or Ph.D research, and must be presented before the degree is conferred.
- Work presented for a Senior Award must have been completed within 7 years of completing a first degree. This condition may be varied at the discretion of the judges.
- Any contribution by others to the work presented for the Senior Award must be made clear in the presentation and the application for the award.
- Applicants for both the Junior and Senior awards must be members of the Society at the time of presentation of the paper.
- Posters must be constrained within the international conference limits of 1 x 1.5 m.
- Projects should be at least half completed.

Process

- Via Conference Student Liaison Officer
- Students putting forward their poster for consideration must include a declaration stating:
 - i) The name of their supervisor(s) and university/institution.
 - ii) the degree to which the research contributed.
 - iii) the dates the study for the degree started and finished (or intended completion date) and whether the degree is full or part-time.
 - iv) The applicant is usually the sole author, if not, then a statement should be included specifying the contribution of the co-authors.
- See web-site for suggested declaration letter;
- A judging panel shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society. The panel shall consist of not less than three members, including the Chairperson. Membership shall include representation of both sexes and a variety of university and other institutions. Only part of the judging panel should be replaced in any one year.
- Presentations will be judged on the originality and quality of both the research and the presentation of the poster.

Award

- A senior and junior award, each consisting of a certificate and monetary prize, currently valued at **\$600 (NEW)**. The judges may choose to make no award in either student category.

John Lake Poster Award Recipients

2010 (Melbourne)

2009 (Perth). Jonathan Gillson (UNSW-PhD), Nicholas Breheny (- Hons).

2008 (Bondi)

2007 (Canberra)

Jnr. Shanti Mors

Snr. Dan Johnson

2006 (Hobart)

Jnr – not awarded

Snr - Stephen Leporati

2005 (*Darwin*)

2004 (Adelaide)

2003 (Wellington, NZ)

2002 (Cairns)

2001 (*Bunbury, Western Australia*)

2000 (*Albury, New South Wales*)

Senior Award Gavin Sarre

The age composition and growth rates of black bream, *Acanthopagrus butcheri* (Sparidae) vary among estuaries: some possible contributing factors.

Junior Award Victor Hughes

Snags....where are they and why?

1999 (*Bendigo, Victoria*)

Senior Award Not awarded

Junior Award Not awarded

1998 (*Hobart, Tasmania*)

Senior Award Not awarded

Junior Award Not awarded

1997 (*Darwin, Northern Territory*)

Senior Award ?

Junior Award ?

1996 (*Brisbane, Queensland*)

Senior Award Michael Finn

Larval Supply of Coral Reef Fish Populations

Junior Award Troy Coyle

How does the whitebait fishery affect other species?

1995 (*Sydney, New South Wales*)

Senior Award Not awarded

Junior Award Not awarded

1994 (*Canberra, Australian Capital Territory*)

Senior Award ?

Junior Award ?

1993 (*Sorrento, Western Australia*)

Senior Award ?

Junior Award ?

1992 (*Victor Harbour, South Australia*)

Senior Award M. Shepherd (Macquarie U.)
The effect of some standard fixatives on fish gill morphology.
Junior Award ?

1991 (Hobart)
Augy Syahailatua
The Australian Pilchard (*Sardinops neopilchardus*): Morphometric and Meristic Study.

1990 (Lorne)
Beatrice Ferreria
Growth and structure of the vertebrae in the school shark *Galeorhinus galeus* (Linneus, 1758) from southern Brazil.

1989 (Magnetic Is)
Bradley C Congdon
Genetic differentiation within a catchment: the role of natural selection, gene flow, and genetic drift in population subdivision of *Gambusia affinis*.

1988 ((Sydney)
Barbara Nowak
Sublethal effect of endosulfan on Australian freshwater catfish *Tandanus tandanus*.

1987 (Canberra)
Natalie Pavuk
Stock assessment of Tasmanian whitebait.

Gilbert P. Whitley Memorial Student Award

The award was instated by the Society in honour of the late Gilbert P Whitley. The award initially provided an annual prize to the best oral presentation by a student at the Society's annual conference. In 1991 this was extended to two prizes, a senior prize and a junior prize. The award is presented to encourage and support of high quality oral presentations by students at the Society's annual conference.

Conditions

- Work presented must deal with fish or fisheries, not necessarily exclusively in Australia.
- A Junior Award may be made to a student for a presentation of work completed as part of a B.Sc. Honours or M.Sc. preliminary project. Other categories such as Graduate Diploma may be included at the judges' discretion.
- For a Junior Award, work must be presented during, or within one year of completion of the degree.
- For a Senior Award, work should be part of M.Sc. or Ph.D research, and must be presented before the degree is conferred.
- Work presented for a Senior Award must have been completed within 7 years of completing a first degree. This condition may be varied at the discretion of the judges.
- Any contribution by others to the work presented for the Senior Award must be made clear in the presentation and the application for the award.
- Applicants for both the Junior and Senior awards must be members of the Society at the time of presentation of the paper.
- Projects should be at least half completed.

Process

- Via Conference Student Liaison Officer
- Students putting forward their paper for consideration must include a declaration stating:
 - i) The name of their supervisor(s) and university/institution.
 - ii) the degree to which the research contributed.
 - iii) the dates the study for the degree started and finished (or intended completion date) and whether the degree is full or part-time.
 - iv) The applicant is usually the sole author, if not, then a statement should be included specifying the contribution of the co-authors.
- See web-site for suggested declaration letter;
- Up to 10 contenders will be selected by the organising committee on the basis of timely receipt of application and content of abstract (or at the judging panel's discretion).
- A judging panel shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society. The panel shall consist of not less than 3 members, including the Chairperson. Membership shall include representation of both sexes and a variety of university and other institutions. Only part of the judging panel should be replaced in any one year.
- Presentations will be judged on the originality and quality of both the research and the presentation.
- The judges may take into consideration whether the student is currently completing the degree or presenting the work after the degree is completed.

Award

- Senior and Junior awards consist of a certificate and monetary prize, currently valued at **\$600**

Award Recipients

2010 (Melbourne)

2009 (Perth). PhD, Madhavi Colton (University of Melbourne) “A tale of two methods: comparing the performance of underwater visual census and baited remote underwater video to survey rocky reef fish assemblages.”

Alex Vail won the Gilbert Whitley Award \$600 (Honours student)

2008 (Bondi)

2007 (Canberra)

Jnr. Steven Lindfield et al. (U.Newc): Spatial, temporal and depth-related variation in reef fish assemblages of the Port Stephens-Great Lakes Marine Park, detected with baited remote underwater video stations

Snr. Cordelia Moore et al. (UWA) : The application of predictive habitat models to investigate the spatial ecology of demersal fish assemblages.

2006 (Hobart)

Jnr Jane Alpine

Snr Joint winners (2 awards made) Arani Chandrapavan, Scott Ling

2005 (Darwin)

2004 (Adelaide)

2003 (Wellington, NZ)

2002 (Cairns)

2001 (Bunbury, Western Australia)

Senior Award Megan Storrie (Deakin University, Warrnambool)

Observations of sperm in the oviducal gland of the gummy shark, *Mustelus antarcticus*.

Junior Award Michael Travers (Murdoch University, Murdoch)

Fish faunas of unvegetated and vegetated habitats in shark bay, Western Australia.

2000 (Albury, New South Wales)

Senior Award Karina Hall

Dynamics of the mating systems of the giant Australian cuttlefish *Sepia apama*, Gray.

Junior Award Michael Hammer

Variegated pygmy perch *Nannoperca variegata* in South Australia.

1999 (Bendigo, Victoria)

Senior Award Janet Pritchard

Golden Perch otoliths as recorders of environmentally induced growth fluctuations

Junior Award Jemma Martin

Are statolith growth bands a new ageing technique for gastropods?

1998 (Hobart, Tasmania)

Senior Award Suzanne Round

Diet of Juvenile Banana Prawns *Penaus merguensis* within a Subtropical Mangrove-Lined Estuary in Moreton Bay, Queensland

Junior Award Dale McNeil

Behavioural Responses of Billabong Fish to Gradual Hypoxia

1997 (Darwin, Northern Territory)

Senior Award Kim Smith

Links between physical oceanographic processes and larval fish distributions on the Sydney shelf

Junior Award ???

1996 (Brisbane)

Senior Award Combined with John Lake Award for the 2nd International Fisheries Congress

Junior Award Combined with John Lake Award for the 2nd International Fisheries Congress

1995 (Sydney)

Senior Award Sophie Dove (Sydney Uni)

Incorporation of trace metals into the eye lenses and otoliths of *Parma microlepis*

Junior Award Tim Dempster (UNSW)

Dynamics of ichthyoplankton on the Sydney Shelf

1994 (Canberra)

Senior Award Gavin Begg (U. of Q.)

Reproductive biology and management of school (*Scomberomorus queenslandicus*) and spotted (*S. munroi*) mackerel throughout Northern Australia.

Rick Officer (Melb. U.)

Sources of variation in counts of the vertebral growth increments used for age determination in school and gummy shark.

Junior Award Andrew Sedger (Southern Cross U.)

Age and growth of the freshwater catfish (*Tandanus tandanus*) in the Nymboida River, NSW.

1993 (Sorrento, Perth)

Senior Award Michael Lowry (UNSW)

Home range of red morwong

Junior Award Mark Thomas

The foraging behaviour of *Dicantlais baileyana*

1992 (Victor Harbour, South Australia)

Senior Award Not awarded

Junior Award Hui Cheng (UNSW)

Aquaculture of prawns

1991 (Hobart)

Senior Award Simon Thorrold

An evaluation of light traps for sampling postlarval and pelagic juvenile fishes in coastal waters of the central Great Barrier Reef.

Junior Award Gavin Begg

Comparison of the juvenile fish fauna between an estuary (Lake Macquarie, NSW) and its backwaters: preliminary results.

1990 (Lorne, Victoria)

Julie de Jong (Melbourne University)

A study of shell deposition and growth in *Haliotis ruber*

Paul Humphries

An experimental evaluation of habitat preference in three species of goby.

1989 (Magnetic Island)

Colin Simpfendorfer

Embryonic diapause in the Australian sharpnose shark, *Rhizoprionodon taylori*.

1988 (Sydney)

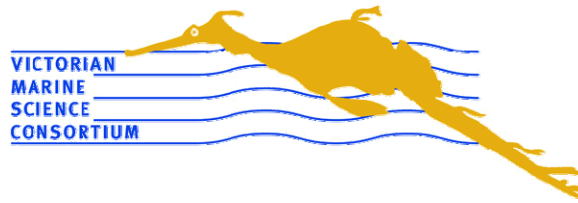
Annabel Cabanan

Numbers and diversity of ichthyoplankton caught by light traps at one tree lagoon, Great Barrier Reef, Australia.

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Victorian Marine Science Consortium Student Award

Inaugural award offered by the VMSC Management Committee at the 2010 ASFB Annual Conference for one (1) poster or talk in temperate marine fish biology.



Conditions

- Conditions similar (as appropriate) to the Gilbert Whitely Presentation and John Lake Poster awards.
- Work presented must deal with temperate marine fish or fisheries, not necessarily exclusively in Australia.
- Projects should be at least half completed.

Process

- Via Conference Student Liaison Officer
- Automatically considered if registered for the Whitely/Lake awards
- Poster and Presentations will be judged on the originality and quality of both the research and the presentation.
- The judges may take into consideration whether the student is currently completing the degree or presenting the work after the degree is completed.

Award

- VMSC award consist of a certificate and monetary prize, currently valued at **\$500 (NEW)**.

Award Recipients

2010 (Melbourne)

Barry Jonassen Award for research support

Preamble

This award was established in 1999 is named in memory of Barry Jonassen, a keen freshwater angler and biologist, and passionate supporter of ASFB. It is awarded to support initial research costs incurred by undergraduate and graduate students.

Purpose of award

The award is to assist with the research costs incurred by an honours or post-graduate student in the field of freshwater fish biology or freshwater fisheries ("fish" includes commercially important invertebrates).

Conditions

The award is restricted to full time honours or post-graduate students in the first or second year or their degree. This award is open to any student member of ASFB who is currently enrolled at an Australian or New Zealand university. Applications consist of a 2 page research proposal on the proposed or underway research, written during the student's first or second year of enrolment.

Process

- Applications should include:
 - i) Title of project, Name, University, Supervisor, Degree enrolled for, Year commenced, Contact details.
 - ii) 7 line summary
 - iii) Aims, Background, Significance, Methods
 - iv) Brief budget (with respect to the value of the award) and justification.
 - v) Signed by applicant and counter-signed by supervisor.
- Closing date for applications is 30 April, with a decision before annual meeting.
- Applications should be sent to: vice president or education sub-committee.

Award

The value of the award will be at the discretion of the Society president and committee but is approximately \$1,000. The Society reserves the right not to make an award in any year. Inquiries may be directed to the President of ASFB, or the Education sub-Committee chair.

Award Recipients

- 2010
- 2009: Tyrie Starrs (Hons, ANU/Ucanberra, Chris Fulton and Mark Lintermans)
Modelling the invasion potential of exotic freshwater fish in the ACT rivers.....
- 2008: Danswell Starrs (ANU),
“Environmental impacts on swimming and migration in Macquarie perch”
- 2007: Catriona Condon (University of Queensland)
Consequences of thermal change on the reproductive biology of freshwater fishes.
- 2006: Andy Hicks (Otago University)
Exploring facultative diadromy in galaxids
- 2001: Bernadette Bostock (Deakin University)
A molecular systematic study of some Australian desert fishes with respect to their evolution, Biogeography and conservation status.
- 2000: Amy Whitehead (University of Otago)
Intraspecific comparisons between size classes of giant kokopu.

Michael Hall Student Innovation Award for research support

Preamble

This award was established in 2005 by Mr David Hall in memory of his father Michael Hall to assist innovative research in marine fish biology.



Purpose of award

The award is to assist with the research costs incurred by an honours or post-graduate student in the field of marine fish biology or fisheries ("fish" includes commercially important invertebrates). The application should show a significant contribution to science in general; a high degree of originality in choosing the research topic and methodology; the potential for significant benefits to the management of fisheries and aquaculture resources; and collaboration with other researchers

Conditions

The award is restricted to full time honours or post-graduate students in the first or second year or their degree. This award is open to any student member of ASFB who is currently enrolled at an Australian or New Zealand university. Applications consist of a 2 page research proposal on the proposed or underway research, written during the student's first or second year of enrolment.

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Award

The value of the award will be at the discretion of the Society president and committee but is approximately \$500. The Society reserves the right not to make an award in any year. Inquiries may be directed to the President of ASFB, or the Education sub-Committee chair.

Recipients:

- 2010
- 2009: Alex Vail, JCU (honours supervised Mark McCormick)
Non-lethal predator effects on settlement stage reef fish.
- 2008: Bree Tillett (CDU), "*Life history, demography and movement patterns of pigeye (Carcharhinus amboinensis) and bull (C. leucas) sharks.*"
- 2007: Daniel Wright (Australian National University)
The wave-swept garden of Eden: Can wave action enhance mussel mariculture?
- 2006, Peter Macreadie (University of Melbourne)
Determining the effects of seagrass fragmentation on fish species.

DRAFT - International Exchange Society Membership

Preamble

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Purpose of award

Enhance the career development of emerging young professionals (students, post-docs).
Participation by AFS / ASFB members at the annual conference in each country.
Develop a model for promoting international scientific exchange for the members of the World Council of Fisheries Societies to consider.
Enhance collaborative research between participating societies.

Conditions

Process

1. Call for expressions of interest from student members during the ASFB Annual Meeting and newsletters.
2. Each applicant should submit to ASFB President a short letter of interest and brief resume outlining their current research, and an abstract for a presentation.
3. Short list of 3 candidates by President or Chair of Sub-Committee submitted with a short letter of interest and resumes to the American Fisheries Society "Carl R. Sullivan International Endowment Fund" through Glen Contreras by October 31.
4. The American Fisheries Society committee will review and screen all membership applications and make recommendations by November 30 to the FS Executive Committee, who approve the selection. Membership begins January of New Year.
5. Requests for travel assistance grants from the AFS/IFS International Endowment Fund can be submitted at any time. Review, recommendations and award will be made by March prior to the AFS Annual meeting. Participation as a symposium organizer, presenter, panel speaker or other contributing activities is encouraged.
5. ASFB and candidates notified immediately after selection is approved and prior to the American Fisheries Society midyear business meeting.
6. Report from successful applicants in ASFB newsletter and/or conference.

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Award

Recipients:



ASFB Student registration form

Australian Society for Fish Biology

Conference Student Awards Form

Fax or email your award application to the conference organizer, who will collate and forward to this year's local Conference Student Liaison Officer

First name: _____ Surname: _____

E-mail: _____

University: _____ Degree: _____

Start and finishing (expected) date for this degree: _____

Academic supervisor : _____

Supervisor's e-mail: _____ Supervisor's phone: _____

Application for conference awards

For information about each of the awards go to: www.asfb.org.au/awards/

I am applying for the following conference award (please tick):

	John Glover travel fund *
	Gilbert Whitley student talk award (senior) **
	Gilbert Whitley student talk award (junior) **
	John Lake poster award (senior) **
	John Lake poster award (junior) **

Note – automatically registered for the VMSC award

Declaration

Please tick appropriate box.

	I have uploaded a note of confirmation/support from my supervisor for JG-Travel (PTO for example*)
	I have uploaded my student declaration for poster or presentation awards (PTO for example**)
	I have uploaded my paper/poster.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1 (Example for TRAVEL SUPPORT)

Dear Conference Organisers,

I hereby certify that _____ student _____ is a full time ___hons-MSc-Phd__ student currently enrolled at ___institution___, studying under my supervision, and is a worthy candidate for the John Glover Travel Fund. The ASFB meeting will greatly enhance their experience and knowledge. The student is a student member of the society, or will be by the time of the meeting. The receipts he/she will present to the ASFB are for bona fide travel costs to the annual conference venue. The receipts or bona fide copies will be stapled to a summary sheet and the various costs totaled.

Thank you for the Society's support,
Yours sincerely,

Name of supervisor (or head of dept): _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Appendix 2 (Example for TALK or POSTER AWARDS)

Dear Conference Organisers,

I hereby certify that I was or currently am a ___[hons-MSc-Phd]__ student at ___[institution]___, studying under ___[supervisor's name]_____.

I am a member of the Society, or will be at the time of presentation.

Also, I certify that:

EITHER

- I am eligible for the Junior Award by presenting work completed as part of my ___[B.Sc. Honours, or M.Sc. prelim, or Grad Dip]___ that was recently conducted or completed no more than 12 months ago (ie within one year of completion of the degree). My undergraduate degree was started _____ and will/did finish _____.

OR

- I am eligible for the Senior Award by presenting work completed as part of my ___[Full/Part]__ time ___[M.Sc. or Ph.D]___ research, and is being presented before the degree is conferred, or is within 7 years of completing my first degree (___[month, year]___), or there are special circumstances why I am still eligible _____. My post-graduate degree was started _____ and will/did finish _____.

Any significant contribution by others, especially by co-authors to the work presented for the Senior Award is as follows: _____

Yours sincerely,

Name of student: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ASFB Judging Sheet for Student Awards

Judge Name:

Oral presentations (Gilbert P. Whitley)

Score: 1 = poor, 2 = below average, 3 = average (good), 4 = Very good, 5 = Really outstanding in every way

	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name
Award type (Circle)	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr
Organisation (logical flow, good intro, clear methods, results, discussion, strong conclusion)						
Content/Originality (Scientific merit, advancing the field, innovation?)						
Presentation style (clarity and speed of delivery, time management, engagement with audience, enthusiasm)						
Visual aids (did they enhance the talk, relevance, clarity, use)						
Question time (ability to answer questions, informative, concise)						
Additional comments						
TOTAL SCORE (/25)						

Poster presentations (John Lake)

Score: 1 = poor, 2 = below average, 3 = average (good), 4 = Very good, 5 = Outstanding

	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name	Student name
Award type (Circle)	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr	Snr/Jnr
Organisation (logical flow of ideas, good intro, clear methods, results, discussion, strong conclusion)						
Content/Originality (Scientific merit, advancing the field, innovation?)						
Presentation (clarity, layout, use of visual aids)						
Additional comments						
TOTAL SCORE (/15)						

Duties of the Conference Student Liaison Officer

Keep a separate spread sheet off all student applications (see attached spreadsheet) to note from their form what they have applied for and if they have satisfied the regulations (e.g. letter from supervisor etc). Take it easy here - you don't have to be draconian on every detail (we are supposed to encourage them not daunt them with forms :-)).

Glover Travel Award

There is a new more relaxed deadline for Glover travel assistance (normally early bird deadline, now mid March - Patrick?). By this time you should send each a quick email informing them of the Society's support for travel (see attached latest version of the student booklet).

At the conference

Stand up at the AGM and give a brief report on Education committee activities (usually on number of students etc), keep your notes and submit them to the Newsletter – saves a lot of time. Depending on the President, you could announce the Jonassen and Hall awards now (or later as below).

Remind president to bring ASFB cheque book to conference

Whitley talk awards (Junior/senior) and Lake Poster awards (Junior/senior)

Liaise with conference organisers to keep the student talks away from the final afternoon. Strong arm some judges, and meet them before the conference, and in the hour before the conference dinner to compare rankings. Only use ranks, not scores.

Average each judge's rankings - they should judge at least 4 or 5, and there should be 2-4 per student.

See attached judging sheet

Organise two separate judges to run the posters and have them report back to you.

Fill in the Award certificates, and prepare a nice speech if requested by the president.

By then I will have the names of the two research awards to announce as well, and they will receive their cheques (if not already posted).

International award will be announced then too.

Keep records of all student's names for Glover, Poster, Talks to make that Newsletter so much easier to report.

Notes for Conference organisers:

- 1) Ensure for each year there is a dedicated **Conference Student Liaison Officer** (CSLO) at the conference to liaise with the conference organizing committee, to organize all applicants, and to receive the student booking form. Maintain a spreadsheet of the students.
- 2) The supervisor's declaration (for the JG Travel) or the student declaration (for the other awards) are for the CSLO's reference, to double check the winners etc. With many exceptions and mis-communications, the CSLO therefore has the authority to assess whether applicants or talks are in good faith or in the spirit of the awards.

- 3) The conference minutiae are the responsibility of the annual CSLO (not education sub-committee), who should in turn devolve responsibility to certain individuals (such as two people in charge of posters and they report back to you etc etc)..
- 4) Ensure all student talks are held on the first day or two – with NONE after lunch on last day – so they can meet and add up scores, for the president to announce at the conference dinner.
- 5) Remind the society president to actually bring the cheque book and pay them at the conference dinner with pomp and circumstance.
- 6) The organisers need to have a certificate prepared and printed nicely to fill in names etc. – or just use letterhead
- 7) List of various winners and awardees is made, plus a report for the newsletter;
- 8) The John Glover awardees must be informed of their success by the CSLO ! – before the meeting and the need to bring receipts. Again you may need to use your good judgment in certain cases.
- 9) The International award, and the two research awards (Jonassen and Hall) will be assessed independently and the winners announced at the conference dinner as well (up to the president).