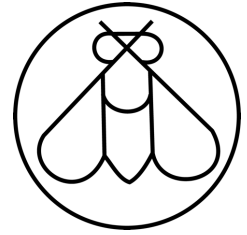


## ESSA YOUNG ENTOMOLOGISTS' TRAVEL GRANTS



As part of its aim to promote all aspects of entomology, the Entomological Society of Southern Africa (ESSA) initiated the Young Entomologists' Travel Grants scheme in 2018. The grants are to support young ESSA members from southern Africa to (i) present research results at international scientific meetings or workshops with entomological relevance, or (ii) gain valuable entomological skills and experience by visiting an international research group.

By doing so, the ESSA hopes to support the development of professional entomologists, and to broaden the range of skills and global relevance of research undertaken in southern Africa.

Each year, a number of ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grants, each to the value of up to R25,000, may be awarded.

### ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

To be eligible for an ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grant, applicants must satisfy ALL of the following criteria:

- Paid student or ordinary member of the ESSA for a minimum of two consecutive calendar years
- Resident and/or registered as a student or postdoctoral associate/fellow in a country within the Southern African Development Community (SADC; i.e., Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe)
- Thirty-five (35) years of age or younger, or within five years of completing a PhD (if older than 35) on the closing date for entries
- Accepted to give an oral presentation at an international conference or workshop outside of the applicant's country of residence and/or received notification of willingness to be hosted by an international researcher

The amount awarded will be determined based on a detailed budget provided by the applicant. Return international economy airfares and accommodation are the only allowable expenses in the budget. All other expenses including conference registration fees, visa costs, flight seat changes, additional baggage fees, airport transfers, banking charges and daily allowances must be paid by the applicant.

Applicants awarded an ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grant must submit a two-page report, including appropriate documentary photographs, to the ESSA within one month of their return to their country of residence. The report will be published in *Rostrum*, the newsletter of the ESSA.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must complete the form attached to this notice (or downloaded from the ESSA website), attach the required documents, and provide a cover letter of no more than one page explaining how receipt of an ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grant will benefit their development as a professional entomologist and the discipline of entomology in southern Africa.

Applications must be received no less than two months prior to the proposed date of departure.

Submit entries to the ESSA President, Prof. Chris Weldon, by email: [cwweldon@zoology.up.ac.za](mailto:cwweldon@zoology.up.ac.za)

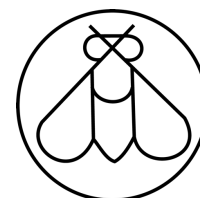
Applications will be assessed by the ESSA Executive Committee based on the following criteria:

- Fulfilment of all eligibility criteria
- Quoted budget realistic and justified
- Quality and persuasiveness of cover letter

### ENTRY CLOSING DATE

There is no closing date for applications to the ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grants scheme. All applications received no less than two months prior to the proposed date of departure will be carefully considered in each calendar year and grants will be awarded based on the availability of funds.

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## APPLICATION FORM

### 1. Personal information

Title:		Member no.:	
Family name:			
Given names:			
Gender:	Select from list:	Race:	Select from list:
Date of birth:			
Residential address:			
City:		Postal code:	
Country:		Select from list:	

### 2. Details of travel

Type of event:	Select from list:		
Name of event or host:			
Destination city:	Destination country:		
Departure date:	Return date:		

### 3. Budget

Item	Cost	Justification
Return economy airfare	R	
Accommodation	R	
<b>Total</b>	<b>R 0</b>	<b>NOTE: Total must not exceed R 25,000</b>

### 4. Acceptance of conditions

By checking the following boxes I agree to the conditions of funding stipulated below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I will cover the costs of all conference registration fees and daily allowances.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will submit a two-page report, including appropriate documentary photographs, to the ESSA within one month of my return to my country of residence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will return all funds to the ESSA if for any reason I am not able to travel to the international conference or research group as detailed in this application.
Signature:	Date:

### 5. Supporting documents

In addition to a completed application form, include electronic copies of the following supporting documents:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of paid ESSA membership for the current and previous year
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of residential status or registration as a student or postdoctoral associate/fellow in a country within the Southern African Development Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of date of birth (e.g., passport or identity document)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of date of PhD award (if over 35)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Invitation to present an oral presentation at an international conference or workshop outside of your country of residence and/or notification of willingness to be hosted by an international researcher
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cover letter of no more than one page explaining how receipt of an ESSA Young Entomologists' Travel Grant will benefit your development as a professional entomologist and the discipline of entomology in southern Africa