

ABIC Foundation Inc.

travel bursaries for young Canadian scientists

10th Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference:

ABIC 2010: Bridging Biology & Business

Saskatoon Saskatchewan ~ Sept 12 - 15, 2010

Three streams: Energy, Health & Sustainability

Public Forum || International Poster Competition

The ABIC Foundation is accepting applications for travel bursaries for the forthcoming ABIC 2010 Conference to be held in Saskatoon Saskatchewan from September 12 through 15, 2010. The deadline for submission of applications is February 15, 2010 with award announcement set for April 2010. To learn more about the ABIC 2010 conference, please visit the website at <http://www.abic.ca/abic2010>

The ABIC Foundation has received external funding that will provide funds for several travel bursaries for ABIC 2010. The bursaries will cover the cost of return travel, accommodation and meals while attending the conference, as well as registration fees to attend ABIC 2010 conference. For those applicants in Saskatoon, the bursary will cover registration fees and poster session fees (where applicable).

The bursary is open to young scientists in Canada. Applications will be accepted from Canadian graduate students or post-doctoral fellows at accredited post-secondary institutions whose studies are closely focused on agricultural biotechnology.

(1) Candidates will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Age requirement - applicants must be under the age of 35 at the time of application (note: photocopy of official documents such as passport or other government issued identification to verify age).

Financial need - applicants must supply a financial statement indicating all sources of income including bursaries, scholarships and research funding; indicating their expenses for the year.

Abstract - an abstract (between 200 – 300 words) on your research must be submitted as part of your application.

Applicability of research - the successful candidate will be expected to submit a poster presentation on their research at ABIC. Studies must be closely focused on

agricultural biotechnology. Please specify which area your work most closely fits: Energy, Health or Sustainability.

Academic qualifications - applicants must be full-time graduate students or post-doctoral fellows at a post-secondary institution in Canada.

(2) Provide the appropriate supporting documentation.

(3) Provide a confidential letter of recommendation from the candidate's supervisor, which must be submitted directly to the ABIC Foundation by the candidate's supervisor.

(4) Both email and regular mail required:

a. Email your complete submission to the Foundation at abicfoundation@abic.ca

b. **Plus**, mail your complete submission to:

ABIC Foundation Inc.
Attention: Muriel Adams, Managing Director
101 - 111 Research Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 3R2

BACKGROUND:

The ABIC Foundation is the corporate body that oversees the ABIC Conference series. ABIC stands for "Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference". ABIC Conferences inform stakeholders of advances, barriers and options which may influence science and business endeavors on a global scale.

The conference provides a forum for agbiotech organizations to demonstrate their capabilities and to seek investment, technology transfer and other opportunities. For more information on ABIC, visit the website at <http://www.abic.ca> To learn more about ABIC 2010, visit the website at <http://www.abic.ca/abic2010>

The first Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC) was held in Saskatoon in 1996. A second conference in 1998 resulted in the formation of an organization that would oversee the ABIC Concept, and, to secure the continued success of the ABIC series. Directors of the ABIC Foundation were drawn from several countries. The Foundation was set up as a not-for-profit corporation, based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Foundation's goal is to ensure ongoing opportunities for continuous learning and networking within the agbiotech community through the Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference. The Foundation performs advisory, promotional and supportive functions for the conferences. As the Foundation shapes the ABIC concept, it strives to position the Conference at the forefront of agbiotech innovation. Through its various activities, the Foundation raises ABIC's international profile while fostering the ABIC standard of quality.

ABIC Conferences have been held in Canada (Saskatoon, Toronto, Calgary), Germany, Australia, Ireland and Thailand.

Conference schedule:

ABIC 2010 Saskatoon Canada - September 12 15

ABIC 2011 Johannesburg, South Africa September 6 9

ABIC 2012 Christchurch New Zealand

ABIC 2013 Call for proposals for a North American location (See website for details).

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