**AQUA TRAVEL AWARDS 2019**

Dear AQUA members,

We have the pleasure of announcing that AQUA is offering four $3000 (AUD) travel prizes to fund attendance for the INQUA congress in Dublin, Ireland on 25th to 31st July, 2019.

<http://www.inqua2019.org>

The AQUA travel prizes are additional to those offered by the meeting organizers, which attendees are also encouraged to apply for. However successful applicants will not be funded the full amount from AQUA if successful from other funding streams.

AQUA will award prizes to post-graduate students or early-career researchers within 3 years of graduation of a PhD. For consideration of support, applicants must be current members of AQUA, and have submitted an abstract to present either a talk or a poster at the conference. Awards will be granted based on academic merit and the benefit to the recipient (see criteria below).

Please return the completed application forms via email to Tim Cohen (tcohen@uow.edu.au) by the 28th January 2019. Outcomes will be announced by mid to late February.

**Criteria and required forms**

1. AQUA member
2. Mid-to latter stage PhD student or recently graduated (within three years)
3. One page cover letter outlining very brief summary of career stage, anticipated benefits and outline of PhD research
4. Letter of support from primary supervisor outlining no other project/internal/alternative funding availability
5. The submitted INQUA abstract and session to which it was submitted
6. Extended abstract (2 pages). This allows for the expansion of the research that will be presented at INQUA and should include:
* Aims, significance and outcomes, figures (if useful) and references
1. Abbreviated academic CV

Travel awards will be assessed by a group of the AQUA executive and will be based on the quality of the submission, career and research stage and benefit to the recipient and the AQUA community. Students who are awarded an AQUA Travel Award are also expected to write a short report for the next edition of Quaternary Australasia.

**Assessment Committee**:

Tim Cohen, Lynda Petherick, Jessica Reeves and Scott Mooney