



CONFERENCE TRAVEL SUBSIDY SCHEME

5th International Whale Shark Conference Travel Subsidy Scheme for Delegates from Developing Countries and Overseas Students

The 5th International Whale Shark Conference 2019 (IWSC5) will offer a limited number of travel subsidies to delegates from developing countries and for overseas students. The scheme aims to encourage greater levels of participation in the conference, particularly from natural resource managers, marine park managers, tourism representatives and students from overseas.

Subsidies will include free conference registration (including all presentations sessions, attendance at social functions and the day on the water) and four nights' free accommodation in a shared three-bedroom apartment. Successful applicants will be required to share an apartment with other delegates but will have their own bedroom (shared kitchen, living area and bathroom facilities).

Successful applicants will be required to agree to meet all other costs of their travel to Exmouth, Western Australia, including any visa costs, as well as meals not provided at official conference functions.

- Preference will be given to delegates from developing countries and overseas students who are named on a paper, poster or session to be presented at the conference or who are otherwise engaged in conference activities (e.g. running workshops, participating in meetings etc).
- Students applying for travel subsidies must present evidence that they are a student at the time of application (by presenting a copy of their student card or enrolment paperwork).
- Delegates from [developing countries](#) applying for subsidies must reside in that country and will be required to provide proof of residency. Note: Those simply conducting research in developing countries but residing in higher income countries are not eligible to apply.

Applications for subsidies will be considered by the IWSC5 Organising Committee in consultation with the IWSC5 Scientific Committee where appropriate. All applicants for a subsidy will be advised by email in early February 2019 of the outcome of their application. Successful applicants will be contacted with further information in regards to the booking of accommodation.

In assessing applications for the subsidy scheme, consideration will be given to:

- the applicant's role in the conference (e.g. presenting a paper); and
- the benefit to the applicant and their organisation / home country through participation in the conference.

The deadline for applications is 31 December 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

View the [application form](#) online.

Please direct any enquiries and completed application to the Organising Committee at iwsc5@dbca.wa.gov.au.