

LBBB 2020 Call for Applicants

The organizing committee of the XVIth Little Brain Big Brain Meeting is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for this inspiring young investigator meeting!



Application deadline: **8 July 2019**

LBBB will be held on the 22 - 25 March 2020 at Port Elliot YHA, South Australia. LBBB is a prestigious biennial meeting held since 1989, with a unique format of providing a unique scientific discussion forum exclusive to only 30 exceptional early career researchers. Participants are expected to deliver a 15-minute oral presentation on their most recent (unpublished) work or ideas for future projects. There will be ample time following each presentation and throughout the course of the meeting for discussions. LBBB has a long-standing track record of boosting the career of many young investigators; several previous attendees are now the world leaders in their respective areas of Neurogastroenterology and Motility.

The organizers encourage applicants from basic, clinical and industry research, working on topics relating to gastrointestinal physiology and pathophysiology, including but not limited to developmental studies, inflammation, functional disorders, gut-brain axis, therapy and drug discovery.

Eligibility criteria:

- A young investigator in the broad field of neurogastroenterology and/or digestive disease. Last-year PhD, post-doc or junior faculty within 7 years* of receiving terminal degree (MD, PhD)
- Willing to be an active participant in scientific discussion
- Submitting an abstract to present at the Federation of Neurogastroenterology and Motility (FNM) meeting in Adelaide. Attendance at the FNM meeting is mandatory. Transport between LBBB and FNM will be provided.

**Career disruptions and other extenuating circumstances will be considered, please clearly state them in your letter of intent.*

Applicants should submit the following to lbbbmeeting@gmail.com by the 8 July 2019:

- (1) Letter of intent (1 page max), detailing research experience and interests, key techniques, career goals and motivation to participate in LBBB. Please also state whether you've previously attended LBBB.
- (2) Updated curriculum vitae (max 2 pages)
- (3) Letter of support from a formal or informal mentor (1 page max) in the field of neurogastroenterology & motility and/or metabolic disease.
- (4) Expected cost (in AUD) of round-trip economy class airfare to Adelaide (aim to arrive 22 March). This information will not be used as a basis for selection, only for planning purposes. It is however highly recommended for applicants to apply for personal travel grants from their own institutions or relevant funding bodies.

Please send these documents in 4 separate files (.pdf or .doc only) with your last name in the filename to lbbbmeeting@gmail.com with "LBBB application" as the email subject.

Meeting details can be found at our website <https://www.lbbbmeeting.org/>. Questions may be directed to the organizers at lbbbmeeting@gmail.com

