

ESID Junior Country Representative Elections Candidacy

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Country: Australia

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Short Biography: Having recently completed my training in Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology through various centres across Australia and New Zealand, I have a special interest in autoimmunity, immunodeficiency and laboratory-based immunology. During my training I published on a wide variety of topics but I am particularly interested in immunodeficiency especially after completing a short-term fellowship in London and being privileged to attend the ESID Summer School in 2024. Upon my return to Australia in late 2024, I will commence a PhD investigating for autoimmune mechanisms in idiopathic bronchiectasis.

Motivation Letter: As an adult immunology trainee across Australia and New Zealand I spent the majority of my training focused on autoimmune and allergic diseases. However, following a short training period in Auckland, New Zealand in 2022, I was fortunate to be exposed to excellent adult immunodeficiency care whereby I developed an interest in immunodeficiency. This interest and passion has been only intensified after I completed a short-term fellowship at the Royal Free Hospital in London earlier this year as well as being fortunate to attend the ESID Summer School in Barcelona. Both of these opportunities were life-changing and practice-changing for me, as I not only grew my immunodeficiency knowledge to enable me to improve my clinical practice for my patients, but I also developed new relationships with colleagues from both the United Kingdom and across Europe. I feel very motivated to improve the care of our adult patients with immunodeficiency back in Australasia and with the connections formed internationally I feel I am well placed to do so. After a period of travel in Europe this year, I intend to return to Australia to commence a laboratory-based PhD investigating for novel autoimmune mechanisms in idiopathic bronchiectasis, a disease that lies at the intersection of both autoimmunity and immunodeficiency. It would be an honour to be the ESID Junior Country Representative for Australia as it would be an

opportunity to improve knowledge, awareness and cross-country collaboration in this field.