Edith Cowan University

$5,000 Professional Development Award

2013 submissions now invited

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I am delighted that ECU will again be participating in Perth Convention Bureau's annual Professional Development Awards as part of the Bureau's Aspire Program. I encourage all ECU staff to consider applying for one of these prestigious awards.

What are the professional development awards?
The 2013 Professional Development Awards consist of two $5,000 grants that will be presented to Edith Cowan University staff members to assist in their personal and professional development through attendance at a relevant international conference in their chosen field of endeavour.

How do I win?
Simply research an international conference that has the potential to be staged in Western Australia and present a brief case as to why the conference could be held here.

What can the $5,000 be used for?
The award covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum of $5,000. In the event that the successful applicant's organisation is not currently a member of their international body, the $5,000 award can contribute to the cost of their joining fee.

Who funds the awards?
The awards are proudly funded by Perth Convention Bureau under its Aspire Program. The Bureau is responsible for marketing Western Australia both nationally and internationally as a conference destination. In fulfilling this role the Bureau assists individuals and organisations to bring their national and international conferences to the State. The awards program aims to raise the profile of individuals and their professional organisations, showcasing the ground breaking research and development being undertaken in our universities and ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for the State, delivering economic benefit to the wider community.
Here's how to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, your role within the university and associations you belong to. (maximum 200 words)

2. Tell us about your national/international organisation or association, your current role and length of time within the association and any achievement highlights. (maximum 250 words)

3. Tell us about Australian leaders in your field of expertise or preferably, Western Australian leaders in the field. (maximum 500 words)

4. Detail how you would use the $5,000 funding if successful and highlight how you and the university would benefit. (maximum 200 words)

5. All submissions require sign-off by Julia Turner, Director of Marketing and Communications at ECU. (please refer to page four of Application Guidelines)

6. Interview. Short-listed applicants will be required to discuss their application with the judging panel. (20 minute interview)

How your application is assessed

Applicants will be assessed against the selection criteria above.

A panel comprising a representative from Edith Cowan University and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake judging. A shortlist of finalists will be required to attend a 20 minute interview. The successful applicants will be announced at a special function in May 2013.

Eligibility
Entry is open to all Edith Cowan University staff.

Award Winner
Professor Caroline Taylor AM
Foundation Chair in Social Justice
Edith Cowan University

In May this year I had the great privilege of being a recipient of Perth Convention Bureau's Professional Development Award. Receiving this award was a great honour and being among the company of many esteemed academic peers and colleagues highlighted the respect this award commands among Western Australian academics. The Award provides me with valuable funding to support my international travel to the International Police Executive Symposium (IPES) hosted this year in conjunction with the United Nations in New York, where I will present an address to police practitioners and police academics from around the world. The Award also enables me to bid for IPES to host a meeting in Perth in 2014.

I am very grateful to the PCB staff for this wonderful and innovative award open to all academics. The grant application progress is purposely designed to be straightforward and completed with a minimum of ease. I found the experience of applying one of great pleasure as the application is about highlighting the passion of our respective work fields through a series of very simple and straightforward questions. In addition, applicants receive one to one support from PCB staff to assist with the grant process and this support, for busy academics, is wonderful and makes the process simple and stress free. I would strongly encourage others to apply for this award - the benefits are enormous for such an easy, user-friendly grant application.

Award Winner
Dr Lisa Paris
Course Coordinator and Senior Lecturer
Secondary Art Education
Edith Cowan University

I was delighted to be chosen as one of the two winners of the 2012 Aspire ECU Professional Development Awards. The scholarship process has been a significant growth opportunity for me professionally, and personally and PCB staff have been extremely helpful throughout the experience.

My successful application was framed around the UNESCO World Arts Education Conference and the role my professional association (Art Education Australia) might play in bringing the 2018 Arts Education Congress to Perth WA. The scholarship would have allowed me to travel to, and participate in, the next UNESCO conference in Colombia in 2014 to extend my professional network, engage in collegial dialogue and build research fellowship in the areas of arts education generally, and specifically in the area of the use of digital forms in contemporary assessment.

Subsequent to winning my award, the 2014 UNESCO conference was regretfully cancelled after the host nation withdrew their bid. I am now in the process of identifying other similar conferences of international standing which might provide a focus for the scholarship funding and the work of Art Education Australia in partnership with ECU.

I am grateful to PCB and also ECU for this excellent opportunity and the professional growth I have experienced and look forward to the outcome of this ongoing process and inquiry.

Take the next step and apply. Who knows where it could take you.

A wide range of assistance and advice is available to help you apply for this Scholarship. Contact Tracey Cinavas-Prosser (Director - Industry Liaison) at Perth Convention Bureau. Tracey is available to guide you through the application, answer any questions and explain the program further.

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