



Operating Room Nurse



Biological Scientist

Where will \$5,000 take you in your profession?

Submissions are now invited for the 2010 Curtin Professional Development Scholarships.

What is a professional development scholarship?

The 2010 Professional Development Scholarships are two \$5,000 grants that will be awarded to Curtin University of Technology staff members to assist in their personal and professional development, either through attendance at a relevant international conference, or undertaking further study 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 should be held here.

What is the \$5,000 used for?

The scholarship covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference or study support expenses 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 scholarship can contribute to the cost of their joining fee.

Who funds the scholarships?

The scholarships are proudly funded by the Perth Convention Bureau, which is responsible for marketing Western Australia as a business events destination. The scholarship program aims to raise the profile of individuals, showcase the expertise in our universities and provide an economic benefit to the state of Western Australia by ultimately attracting conferences here.

Here's how to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, any research you are undertaking, your role within the University and associations you belong to. **(maximum 100 words) weighting: 10**
2. Tell us about your association, its aims and objectives, your current role and length of time within the association and any achievement highlights. **(maximum 250 words) weighting: 20**
3. Research an international affiliate organisation and its meeting history. Your response should include details of the international association's headquarters, its meeting history, delegate

numbers and bid criteria relating to how conference destinations are chosen. Using this information as a basis, develop a case for the meeting to be held in Western Australia. **(maximum two A4 Pages) weighting: 30**

4. Detail how you would use the \$5,000 funding if awarded the scholarship and highlight how you and the University would benefit. **(maximum 200 words) weighting: 10**

5. Interview. Short-listed applicants will be required to discuss their application with the judging panel in a 15 minute interview. **weighting: 30**

How your application is assessed

Applicants will be assessed against the selection criteria.

A panel comprising a representative from Curtin University of Technology and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake judging. A shortlist of finalists will be required to attend a 15 minute interview. The successful applicant will be announced at a special function in May 2010.

Eligibility

Entry is open to all Curtin University of Technology staff.

Conditions

The judging panel's decision is final. Applicants may request feedback on their performance after the winners have been announced. The winners will be required to produce receipts for expenditure incurred while attending their nominated course or conference.

Application Deadline

Applications for entries close on
31st March 2010



Scholarship Winner

Dr Caroline Fleay
Lecturer
Centre for Human
Rights Education
Curtin University of
Technology

I was very pleased to be awarded one of the Curtin Professional Development Scholarships in 2009, and very grateful to the Perth Convention Bureau for the funding and support. This scholarship allowed me to travel to Beijing in

June 2009 to attend the International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities and present a paper. I was also able to take the opportunity while in Beijing, and Hong Kong on the way back to Perth, to conduct interviews for my ongoing research into the China-Australia human rights program. I was able to make valuable connections with other academics through both presenting at and attending the conference, and my research has been much enriched through the interviews conducted in Beijing and Hong Kong. Curtin University's profile was also raised through my participation in this international conference.

Having not attended any previous International Conferences on the New Directions in the Humanities, I was able to use this visit to observe how the conference was organised and discuss with the organisers the potential for Perth to host one of the future International Conferences. These negotiations are continuing. I would like to thank Curtin for making this opportunity possible and the Perth Convention Bureau for all of their support with preparing a case for hosting an International Conference in Perth. This has been an invaluable experience that has greatly enriched my academic career.



Scholarship Winner

Dr Zhonghua Sun
Senior Lecturer
Discipline of Medical
Imaging
Curtin University of
Technology

I was honoured to receive the Perth Convention Bureau Scholarship for 2009. The Bureau was of tremendous assistance to me when preparing my bid to host a large international conference on medical physics and medical imaging in Perth. The scholarship will be used to support

my bid at the 9th Asia Oceania Congress of Medical Physics (AOCMP) in Thailand. Also, it will support me to present two papers at the 9th AOCMP.

Attending at such an important event will advance my professional learning and establish networking opportunities. Medical Physicists have played a pivotal role in improving patients' quality of life. Bridging the gap between physics and medicine, medical physicists have facilitated the introduction of technologies such as computed tomography, positron emission tomography and many other innovations that have revolutionized the way medicine is practiced today. The opportunity to attend such

a conference will allow me to keep abreast of current developments and future directions of medical physics in Asia Pacific region, and it also affords me an excellent insight into how to host a successful conference.

The Perth Convention Bureau Scholarship Program is not only a personally valuable learning experience, it also creates the opportunity to establish international collaboration, bring knowledge here by bidding to host an international conference in Western Australia. I am grateful to Curtin and the Perth Convention Bureau for this experience and the many benefits that I will be rewarded from it.