What are the professional development awards?

The 2017 Professional Development Awards consists of up to two $5,000 grants that will be presented to Curtin 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 apply?

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 can the $5,000 be used for?

The award covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to the 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 (PCB) under its Aspire Program. PCB is responsible for marketing Western Australia both nationally and internationally as a conference destination. In fulfilling this role PCB 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, any research you are undertaking, your role within the University and associations you belong to (maximum 200 words).

2. Tell us about your association, your current role and length of time within the organisation 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 your organisation would benefit (maximum 200 words).

5. PCB recognises the time and commitment required to apply for and accept the award, so we ask that you seek relevant approval from your line manager to submit an application.

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 of a representative from Curtin University and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake the 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 2017.

Eligibility

Entry is open to all Curtin University staff based in Western Australia.

Conditions of Entry

In recognition of the time and commitment of the award, we ask that you receive approval to submit an application. 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 conference. Recipients are required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

Application Deadline is 31 March 2017

Award Winner

Associate Professor Daniel Gucciardi

I was delighted and humbled to receive the 2016 Curtin Aspire Professional Development Award. The financial component of this award will enable me to attend the International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) 14th World Congress in Seville, the premier conference in the field of sport and exercise psychology. In so doing, I will be able to showcase some of the work on the psychological aspects of sport and exercise participation being conducted by our team at Curtin University, strengthen the relationship between the ISSP and our national college here in Australia (part of the Australian Psychological Society), and initiate discussions with the managing council of the ISSP regarding a future bid to host the congress in Perth.

Award Winner

Dr Kylie Coulson

The ASPIRE grant will enable me to attend the World Congress in Engineering Asset Management (WCEAM) in Finland to bid to bring the Congress to Perth in 2017. 2017 Congress will be an exciting opportunity for professionals and academics in the asset management field across the globe to experience Western Australia and all our beautiful and vast State has to offer. I attended the first Congress at the Gold Coast in 2005 and it has grown and developed into a forum for showcasing leading edge cross-disciplinary research in managing large scale physical assets. I am a Board Member and Founding Fellow of the International Society for Engineering Asset Management that hosts the World Congress in Engineering Asset Management and it would be a great opportunity for me to be the local host of this prestigious event.

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 Professional Development Award. Contact Tracey Cinavas-Prosser (Director - Stakeholder Relations) 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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