The University of Notre Dame Australia

$5,000 Professional Development Award

2017 submissions now invited

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Notre Dame is delighted to embrace Perth Convention Bureau’s annual Professional Development Awards as part of the Bureau’s Aspire Program. I urge all staff to consider applying for this prestigious annual award.

What is the professional development award?
The 2017 Professional Development Award consists of a $5,000 grant that will be presented to a University of Notre Dame Australia staff member 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 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 award?
The award is 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.

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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 a representative from The University of Notre Dame Australia 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 2017.

Eligibility

Entry is open to all The University of Notre Dame staff.

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 winner has been announced. The winner 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

Please submit your application to aspire@pcb.com.au

Award Winner

Dr Joan Squelch

I was very delighted to receive The University of Notre Dame Australia Aspire Professional Development Award for 2016. I am immensely grateful to the Perth Convention Bureau for sponsoring the Aspire Award that will make a valuable contribution to my professional and academic development in research.

The Aspire Award will enable me to attend the Australia and New Zealand Education Law Association Annual Conference in New Zealand in 2016 and to host an International Education Law and Policy Conference in 2017/2018.

This will provide me with the opportunity to promote the University, further my research interests in the field of education law and policy and to establish new links with other institutions. I highly commend the Aspire Professional Development Award Program to future aspiring participants.

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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