

Australian Institute of Management WA \$10,000 Aspire Conference Scholarship



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The Australian Institute of Management WA (AIM WA) Aspire Conference Scholarship – run under the auspices of Perth Convention Bureau’s Aspire Program – is an initiative that is open to all Professional Members of AIM WA. This annual Scholarship enables the recipient to broaden their knowledge, networks and further their professional development by attending an international conference. Upon their return to WA, the scholarship recipient will share knowledge gained and explore opportunities to attract international conferences to Western Australia.

What is the Australian Institute of Management WA Aspire Conference Scholarship?

The 2019 Australian Institute of Management WA Aspire Conference Scholarship is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to an Australian Institute of Management WA Professional Member to assist in their personal and professional development through attendance at a relevant international conference.

How do I apply?

Please see reverse for submission details.

What can the \$10,000 be used for?

The award covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum of \$10,000. Where relevant, it may also contribute to membership subscription costs.

Who funds the scholarship?

The award is proudly funded by the 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 State and ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for the State, delivering economic benefit to the wider community.

How to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, any research you are undertaking 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 250 words**).
4. Detail how you would use the \$10,000 funding if awarded the scholarship and highlight how you and your organisation would benefit. Identify a potential conference to be held in Western Australia (**maximum 500 words**).
5. Submit your application to aspire@pcb.com.au (**deadline 29 March 2019**).
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.

A panel comprising of a representative from the Australian Institute of Management WA and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake the judging. A shortlist of finalists will be required to attend a 20 minute interview. The successful applicant will be announced at a special function in June 2019.

Am I eligible to apply?

Entry is open to all Professional Members of the Australian Institute of Management WA.

Conditions

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. The scholarship funds can be utilised immediately after being awarded and up to three years following. The winner is required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

Application Deadline - 29 March 2019

Scholarship Winner

Paige McNeil FAIM



Being awarded the 2018 AIM WA Aspire Conference Scholarship was a huge honour and allowed me to attend the International Mindfulness Conference (IMC) 10-13 June 2018, in Amsterdam.

Here I joined international speakers, researchers and 686 delegates to learn of the impact the application of mindfulness can have across education, medicine and business.

Mindfulness refers to the ability to choose to be aware, in

the present moment of your experiences and emotions. Research indicates that the practice of mindfulness improves resilience, collaboration, agility, perspective and empathy. Participants practicing 10 minutes of daily mindfulness reported an increased capacity for self awareness, the ability to regulate emotions and reframe perception during stressful situations.

In an age where two thirds of adults report being stressed by the future, and over 1 million Australians suffer depression, mindfulness research is unveiling a compelling solution.

I hope to place a successful bid to the IMC for Perth to host the 2020 conference. This would be an amazing opportunity to showcase Western Australia to an international audience and promote our local and national expertise in this field.

I thank both AIM WA and the Perth Convention Bureau for recognising the growing need for mindfulness practice throughout our society and the specific need to equip the next generation with the mental strength and agility to effectively deal with the fast-paced, multidimensional global landscape in which they live.

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

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A wide range of assistance and advice is available to help you apply for this Professional Development Award. Contact Nicolle Davey (Executive Director Stakeholder Relations - Perth Convention Bureau). Nicolle is available to guide you through the application process and answer any questions.

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