

City of Perth \$10,000 Aspire Convention Scholarship



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The City of Perth has a long and fruitful alliance with the Perth Convention Bureau and is delighted to sponsor the City of Perth Convention Scholarship under the auspices of the Perth Convention Bureau's Aspire Program. The scholarship provides a wonderful opportunity for a representative of a Western Australian based not-for-profit association to broaden their networks, to profile themselves and their organisation, and to showcase Perth and Western Australia to their national and international peers.

What is the City of Perth Convention Scholarship?

The 2019 City of Perth Convention Scholarship is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to an individual representing a not-for-profit association 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 scholarship be used for?

The scholarship covers air travel, accommodation and registration to a relevant conference to a maximum value of \$10,000. In the event that the successful applicant's organisation is not currently a member of their international body, the \$10,000 scholarship can contribute to the cost of their joining fee.

Who funds the scholarship?

The scholarship is funded by the City of Perth and is an initiative of Perth Convention Bureau (PCB) under its Aspire Program. PCB is responsible for marketing Western Australia as a business events destination embracing conventions, exhibitions, corporate meetings and incentive travel groups. In fulfilling this role PCB assists individuals and organisations to bring their national and international conferences to Western Australia. The Aspire Program aims to raise the profile of individuals and their professional organisations, showcasing the ground breaking research and development being undertaken in Western Australia and ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for Western Australia, delivering economic benefit to Perth and the wider region.

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How to enter your submission

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, current employment and associations you belong to (**maximum 200 words**).
2. Tell us about your organisation or association, your current role and length of time within the association or 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 selection criteria.

A panel comprising a representative from the City of Perth and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake 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 not-for-profit incorporated association members in the mining and resources, health, education, science and technology, business, environment and heritage, retail, and arts and culture industries.

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. Recipients are required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Program.

Application Deadline - 29 March 2019

2018 Scholarship Winner



Dr Sally Male

Receiving the 2018 Aspire Award has been even more valuable than I had hoped. The financial award is complemented by professional support from the experienced staff at the Perth Convention Bureau in bidding to bring conferences to Perth.

With the Award I will attend the Research in Engineering Education Symposium (REES) in Cape Town, South Africa, in 2019. REES, the top engineering education conference in the world, will be the first

engineering education conference that I attend outside Australasia.

By meeting international researchers in person, I hope to establish meaningful relationships to support future collaborations, and encourage researchers to aspire to visit Western Australia for sabbatical, visiting fellowships, or postgraduate research.

I will also bring home new ideas to enhance engineering education from faculties that have been recognised as international leaders in engineering education innovation.

The Bureau is supporting me in preparing bids to host REES and the Australasian Association for Engineering Education (AAEE) Conference in Perth in 2021.

The AAEE Conference, now in its 29th year, has only been held in Western Australia once. I am looking forward to the thrill of enjoying engaging conversations with engineering education researchers, amidst new engineering facilities that are currently under construction in Western Australia.

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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