

Curtin University \$5,000 Professional Development Award



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Curtin University's annual Professional Development Awards Program is a wonderful initiative funded by, and run in partnership with, the Perth Convention Bureau under the Bureau's Aspire Program. It offers both academic and professional staff the opportunity to travel, expand their national and international networks, and broaden their knowledge for the benefit of both the University and the wider community. I encourage all staff to consider this opportunity.

What is the professional development award?

The 2019 Professional Development Award consists of a \$5,000 grant that will be presented to a Curtin University 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?

Please see reverse for submission details.

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 value 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 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, 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 association 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 \$5,000 funding and highlight how you and the University 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 above.

A panel comprising representatives from Curtin University and the Perth Convention Bureau will undertake judging. Shortlisted finalists will be required to attend a 20 minute interview. The successful applicant will be announced at a special function in June 2019.

Eligibility

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

Conditions

In recognition of the time and commitment to 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 - 29 March 2019

Award Winner



Dr Ahmed Abu Siada

I would like to thank Perth Convention Bureau for establishing this wonderful professional development award program. I was fortunate to receive this award in 2012 and in 2018.

The funding I received from the 2012 award allowed me to present a bid to host the international conference on condition monitoring and diagnosis in Perth.

With the great support from Perth Convention Bureau, my bid was successful and this prestigious conference was held for the first time in Australia during the period 23-26 September 2018; <http://www.cmd2018.com.au/>. The conference has attracted more than 230 papers from 26 countries.

The 2018 Aspire award will enable me to attend the IEEE International Conference on Electrical Machines that will be held in Greece; <http://www.icem.cc/2018/>.

I also hope to place a successful bid in order to bring this unique conference to Perth in 2020. Bringing these conferences to Perth would bolster the research profile in Western Australia and will promote Western Australia as one of the most attractive tourism destination.

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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