

CONVOCATION POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH TRAVEL AWARDS

INFORMATION SHEET 2016

BACKGROUND

The purpose of these awards is to enable postgraduate research students to enhance their research through travel in Australia or overseas.

The Awards were established to mark the 75th Anniversary of the University, and have since been supported by the generous donations of graduates, with assistance from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Postgraduate Students' Association. Current awards include the Geoffrey Kennedy Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Alexander K. Cohen Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Ken and Julie Michael Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Sue Baker Postgraduate Research Travel Award and one or more Postgraduate Students' Association Award(s). The remaining awards will be known as the Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Awards.

Convocation will provide up to 13 awards in 2016, each worth \$3000. The Geoffrey Kennedy Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Alexander K. Cohen Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Ken and Julie Michael Postgraduate Research Travel Award, the Sue Baker Postgraduate Research Travel Award, 2 Postgraduate Students Association Awards and the Barry Marshall and Robin Warren Postgraduate Research Travel Award will be awarded to the 7 top-ranked applicants in the competitive selection process. Up to 6 other awards will be available.

Awards are available to students who have enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research for at least six months and have had their Research Proposal approved by the Board of the Graduate Research School. Awards are normally granted to students in the middle years of their candidature who can demonstrate that the travel will lead to new developments in the research or exploration of previously unexpected avenues. Preference may be given to applicants who intend to undertake a variety of activities during the proposed travel, such as conference attendance and visiting other institutions to bring back new skills or techniques to UWA.

APPLICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

The Convocation of UWA Graduates invites applications for the award from **4th April 2016.**

Each application should be made in writing using the application form available on the website and should include:

- A synopsis of your original research proposal (200 words max)
- Dates of travel and description of the research activities that you propose to fund with the PGRTA, explaining how they are in addition to, or an extension of, your original project (500 words max).

- Statement on how the proposed travel and research will benefit the University and outside community (200words max)
- Statement on how the proposed travel and research will benefit you (200 words max)
- Itemised budget including, for example, cost of travel, accommodation, fees
- A copy of your student record from this or other tertiary institution (please provide an official translation of your student record if it is not in English);
- Letters of support from the Head of School and your Principal Supervisor, verifying that the proposed work is additional to your original project.
- A curriculum vitae providing information on personal details and academic qualifications (maximum length two pages);

Submit **an original** application and **six (6) unstapled copies** of the entire application including synopsis, description of proposed research, statements of benefit, itemized budget, letters of support, student record and curriculum vitae.

Please do not staple your application or submit in multiple plastic sleeves.

Applications will be considered by a selection committee comprising:

- the Warden of Convocation
- two additional representatives from the Council of Convocation
- the Dean of the Graduate Research School
- the President of the Postgraduate Students' Association, and
- an additional representative from the Postgraduate Students' Association.

The selection committee will consider the applications in relation to **Section 6 (1)** of the regulations governing the awards which are covered by the documents requested in the eight dot points in **Applications and Conditions**.

Applicants must be **full-time or part-time postgraduate research** students enrolled in the University of Western Australia.

The application should include an accompanying report from the applicant's Head of School or their school's Graduate Research Coordinator. Completed applications must then reach the Graduates Coordinator, at the Office of Convocation, no later than **4:00pm Friday 3rd June 2016**.

Late applications will not be considered.

Successful applicants will be advised of the award offer by mid-July. Once accepted, it is a condition of the award that it be taken up within 12 months of the date of offer and that a written report be provided not later than 12 months after taking up the award. Awards cannot be used to defray travel costs incurred prior to their announcement. Awards are granted only as a reimbursement for receipted travel costs and may not be used as upfront payment for expenses.