

Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award * [F51251]

An asterisk () indicates that this scholarship is governed by conditions.*

Members of Convocation provided an initial donation of \$16,750 to establish a travel award to mark the 75th anniversary of The University of Western Australia ('the University'). Since then further donations from members of Convocation and funding from the Central Research Allocation and the Postgraduate Students' Association have provided additional awards including awards to be known as 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, the Barry Marshall and Robin Warren 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. The awards are administered in accordance with the following conditions.

Purpose

1. The object of the awards is to enable postgraduate research students of the University to enhance and gain new perspectives on their research through travel within Australia or overseas.

Value

2. The funding available comprises:

(a) annual income from the initial fund, after capitalisation in accordance with Senate policy; and

(b) additional funding by the Council of Convocation, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and the Postgraduate Students' Association.

3. The funding available provides one or more awards each year, the value and conditions of the awards in any year being determined by the Council of Convocation on the recommendation of the selection committee for the awards.

Eligibility

4.(1) To be eligible to apply for an award, an applicant must have been enrolled for a higher degree by research at this University for at least six months and have had their research proposal accepted by the Board of the Graduate Research School.

(2) A Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award is not granted to the same person twice.

Body responsible for selection

5. The selection committee for the award comprises:

(a) the Dean of Graduate Research and Postdoctoral Training or nominee;

(b) the Warden of Convocation or nominee;

(c) two members of the Council of Convocation nominated by the Warden;

(d) the President of the Postgraduate Students' Association or nominee; and

(e) an additional member of the Postgraduate Students' Association recommended by the Postgraduate Students' Association's Committee.

Selection criteria

6.(1) The award is made by the selection committee to the applicant(s) who, in its opinion, best demonstrates through their application—

(a) the proposed research to be undertaken;

(b) the relevance of the proposed travel to current and future research;

(c) how the proposed travel benefits or enhances the applicant's research program as outlined in the research proposal lodged with the Graduate Research School; [See (2) below]

(d) the benefits for the student, the University and the outside community which are expected to arise from the proposed travel and research; [See (2) below]

(e) the reasons for visiting any institution and the proposed duration of the visit;

(f) the estimated cost of travel, accommodation and incidentals;

(g) a recommendation on the proposal and a report on the applicant's work to date from their head of school in consultation with relevant academic staff members; and

(h) academic achievement as evidenced by their academic record.

(2) Details of the benefits or enhancements which must be included under (1)(c) and (d) require written endorsement by the applicant's supervisor(s).

Selection process

7. 1 The award is made by the Council of Convocation on the recommendation of the selection committee.

7.2 Awards will normally be 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.

7.3 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.

Awarding body

8. The award is made by the Council of Convocation.

Method of payment

9. The award is paid in one instalment upon presentation of original receipts for travel up to a maximum value determined each year by the Council.

Application procedure

10.(1) Applications must be submitted on the approved form which is available from the

Office of Convocation or via the Convocation home page on the University website at <http://www.graduate.uwa.edu.au/> from the first Monday in April each year.

(2) Application must be received in the Office of Convocation by 4pm on the first Friday in June.

(3) An applicant must include in their application—

(a) a curriculum vitae;

(b) an application addressing the points outlined in 6(1)(a) to (f) inclusive; and

(c) a copy of the applicant's academic record.

Administering body

11. The award is administered by the Office of Convocation.

Other conditions

12. Each successful applicant must deliver a report to the Dean of Graduate Research and Postdoctoral Training and may be asked to make a short presentation about the travel undertaken to a meeting of Convocation, nominated by the Warden of Convocation, not later than 12 months after their return from the travel for which the award was made.

Publications

13. Any thesis or other publication arising from research financed wholly or partly by an award must acknowledge the assistance of the Convocation Postgraduate Research Travel Award and must use the University by-line.

Intellectual property

14. Intellectual property is governed by the University's Intellectual Property policy available on the University's website at <http://www.universypolicies.uwa.edu.au/page/117132>.