

# Telethon Kids Institute \$10,000 Aspire Conference Award



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The Telethon Kids Institute Aspire Conference Award is a unique initiative available to all staff at the Institute.

Made possible by the Perth Convention Bureau's Aspire Program, this prestigious annual Award provides the recipient with the opportunity to broaden his/her knowledge and networks by attending an international conference. On returning to WA, the recipient will share learnings about how best to attract that international conference to Perth. This is a valuable professional opportunity and I urge all staff to consider applying.

## What is the Telethon Kids Institute Aspire Conference Award?

The 2019 Telethon Kids Institute Aspire Conference Award is a \$10,000 grant awarded annually to a Telethon Kids Institute staff member to assist in his/her professional development by funding that staff member's attendance at an 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, your role within Telethon Kids and length of time in that position (**maximum 200 words**).

- Number of years in your field/profession and where you gained your experience.
- Professional associations you are a member of, or would like to join.
- Any potential conflicts of interest.

2. Tell us about your organisation, your current role and your achievement highlights (**maximum 250 words**). Please include:

- Information about any current committees you serve on.
- Information about the national professional association that is affiliated with the international organisation responsible for running the conference you would like to attend.

3. Tell us about Australian leaders in your field of expertise, and especially those who are Western Australian (**maximum 250 words**).

Why? Statistics demonstrate that developing a strong base of experts of a particular field within a destination is the critical success factor for attracting conferences and meetings.

4. Detail how you would use the \$10,000 funding if successful and highlight how you and the organisation would benefit. Identify a potential conference to be held in Western Australia (maximum 500 words).

The funding is to be used to attend an international conference for your professional development and to explore the possibilities of an Australian organisation bidding for the conference to be held in WA in the future.

## How your application is assessed

Applicants will be assessed against the selection criteria above.

A panel comprising a representative from Telethon Kids Institute 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.

### Eligibility

Entry is open to all Telethon Kids Institute Staff.

### Conditions

The judging panel's decision is final. Applicants may request feedback on their application after the winner has been announced. The winner will be required to produce receipts for expenditure incurred while attending their conference. Recipients are required to agree to be included in publicity and future collateral for promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

### Application Deadline - 3 May 2019

Please submit your application to  
[awards@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:awards@telethonkids.org.au)

### 2017 Award Winner

#### Dr. Shelley Gorman



It was an honour to receive an Aspire Conference Award in 2017. This award will help me attend and present my research at the International Congress on Photobiology (Montreal, 2019) run by the International Union of Photobiology.

This meeting brings together researchers interested in learning more about the effects of sunlight on biological and chemical processes in humans, plants and the environment as well as better harnessing sunlight

for medical and technological advancement.

My research at the Telethon Kids Institute focuses on learning more about how sunlight modulates health and disease. I investigate how ultraviolet radiation (like that in sunlight) modulates metabolic dysfunction, inflammation, and immunity.

I am currently focused on determining the potential for safe (non-burning) doses of ultraviolet radiation as a means of suppressing the development of obesity and comorbidities such as type-2 diabetes.

Attending this conference will be an invaluable experience for me to network with like-minded researchers on an international stage, and extend my knowledge. I will present new research findings, and this will be an excellent opportunity to receive feedback, and help shape the future directions of my research.

I am currently Vice-President of the Molecular and Experimental Pathology Society of Australasia, and at this meeting (along with other Australian-based societies with similar interests) we will pitch for this congress to be brought to Perth.

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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