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Murdoch University professional wins Business Events Perth 2020 Aspire Award

Business Events Perth, in partnership with Murdoch University, is pleased to announce that the 2020 Aspire Award has been presented to College Academic Service Lead, Katherine Cresey.

The award will provide Mrs Cresey with \$5000 to attend the Global Women's Leadership Summit, an international conference on supporting the professional development of women in leadership roles.

Business Events Perth's Aspire Awards sponsor local academics and researchers to attend (and often present at) a relevant international conference in their discipline, to further their professional development and profile Western Australian experts on an international stage.

Now in its 21st year, the Aspire Awards, has sponsored hundreds of local academics and researchers to attend conferences and profile Western Australia on the international stage.

Business Events Perth Chief Executive Officer Gareth Martin said he was delighted to support the ongoing professional development of such an outstanding individual and hoped the Summit would one day come to Western Australia, as a forum for collaboration and exchange of ideas.

"Supporting women in leadership roles is important to ensure our future generations of female leaders have role models they can look to for support and guidance," Mr Martin said.

"Attending business events like conferences help professionals like Mrs Cresey collaborate and exchange knowledge with others in their field and also showcase the expertise of Western Australia on an international stage."

Mrs Cresey said she was looking forward to furthering her career by attending the conference.

"Networking with colleagues from across Australia and New Zealand at national conferences has been fantastic and having the opportunity to gain new skills and learn from others' experiences has really broadened my thinking, so I am really excited to have the chance to attend the Global Women's Leadership Summit," Mrs Cresey said.

Murdoch University Provost Romy Lawson congratulated Mrs Cresey on receiving the award.

"Murdoch University values the many individuals that support our endeavours, encouraging ongoing professional development and the Aspire Awards is a terrific program to partner with to support such development," Professor Lawson said.

"Katherine now has the opportunity to network with likeminded professionals from around the world, I'm sure she will welcome the opportunity to further develop her knowledge and skills which she can put to good use at Murdoch, as well as showcase her expertise for which she has been recognised by these awards."

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