

Murdoch University \$5,000 Professional Development Award



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Murdoch University places great value on the annual Professional Development Awards program which is run in conjunction with Perth Convention Bureau under its Aspire Program. Open to both academic and professional services staff, the award provides the winner with the opportunity to travel, to broaden their global networks and knowledge, and profile themselves, Murdoch University and the State of Western Australia to their peers.

What is the professional development award?

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

Conditions

In recognition of the time and commitment of the award, we ask you that you receive relevant 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 promotional of the PCB Aspire Award.

Application Deadline - 29 March 2019

Award Winner

Dr Polychronis Koutsakis



My experience with the Aspire Award was wonderful even before I received it. Starting from the informational lunch, continuing with my interaction with the Perth Convention Bureau team and their initial feedback on my proposal, the extremely friendly atmosphere in my interview and finally finding out that I received the award, every single part of the experience was top class in terms of the professionalism, politeness and care of the PCB people.

I am aware of the achievements of other winners and nominees, which makes winning the award a significant distinction. The Aspire Award funding has allowed me to travel to Chania, Greece, for the 19th IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks (WoWMoM 2018). WoWMoM is one of the premier international conferences in its field (CORE Ranking: A).

I have presented my research at WoWMoM in the past and I have served as a member of the Technical Program Committee for several years, as well as Technical Program Chair for its 2017 edition. This year, I had the honour of serving as the General Chair of WoWMoM 2018.

My goal is to place a successful bid to hold WoWMoM in Perth in 2020 or 2021. WoWMoM is attended annually by highly reputed academics, researchers and industry colleagues and there is strong research in Perth and around Australia in the field of wireless multimedia networking.

Organizing WoWMoM in Perth will highlight this high quality Australian research and will bring together Australian colleagues with researchers from all over the world who work at the forefront of future Internet scenarios, focusing on distributing multimedia contents over wireless networks.

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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