

The University of Western Australia \$5,000 Professional Development Award



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The University of Western Australia's annual Professional Development Award – run by the Perth Convention Bureau's Aspire Program – is a fine initiative open to both academic and professional staff. The award offers the recipient the chance to broaden their networks and horizons and bring kudos to themselves, the University and the wider Western Australian community. I encourage all staff to embrace the Aspire Program.

What is the professional development award?

The 2019 Professional Development Award is a \$5,000 grant presented to a staff member of The University of Western Australia to help fund their attendance at an international conference relevant to their chosen field.

How do I apply?

See over the page 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 award program aims to raise the profile of individuals and their professional organisations, showcasing the groundbreaking research and development being undertaken in our State, ultimately resulting in conferences being secured for the State and delivering economic benefit to the wider community.

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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 organisation 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 The University of Western Australia 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 staff at The University of Western Australia (excluding adjunct staff).

Conditions

In recognition of the time and commitment of the award, we ask 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 promotion of the PCB Aspire Award.

Application Deadline – 29 March 2019

Award Winner



Dr Peter Mark

The Aspire program provides a fantastic opportunity to allow me to prepare a competitive bid to host the International Federation of Placental Associations (IFPA) annual international conference for 2021 in Perth.

These funds will be used to travel to the IFPA meeting in Tokyo, Japan

to present our bid for hosting the conference. I will also present my latest research at the conference, which should help raise the profile of UWA and Perth in general. The IFPA conference attracts high profile placental researchers from all over the world and is the flagship in the communication of vital placental research.

Perth faces stiff competition from other excellent placental research locations across Australia and

New Zealand, with strong bids likely to come from Auckland and Brisbane. My presence at the Tokyo conference, through the provision of the Aspire funds, will at least enable Perth to be competitive with these other cities.

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Vincent Wallace

I was delighted to receive the UWA Aspire Professional Development Award in 2018. The award not only recognises my research but also the fact that progress is made by working collaboratively through local, national and international networks.

The funds provided allowed me to travel to Nagoya in Japan in September 2018 to attend the

Infrared, Millimeter and Terahertz Waves (IRMMW-THz) 2018 Conference. This international conference is the annual meeting of many people in my field who present the latest developments and exchange ideas. I also bid to hold the conference in Perth in 2021.

Hosting IRMMW-THz in 2021 would provide a substantial opportunity for local scientist and engineers interested in the field, and will attract world-leading scholars and experts to WA. This

is a fantastic opportunity for the Australian Science and Engineering community, as well as a platform to showcase the excellent facilities, environment, and opportunities here in WA.

This will result in a long-lasting legacy of strengthened existing relationships and the formation of new networks. With this award and the experience and services of the Perth Convention Bureau, we are confident that Perth will deliver a world-class event in 2021.

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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