

Minerals Council of Australia

COMMUNITY RELATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

in collaboration with the University of Queensland and the Australian National University



THE UNIVERSITY
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AUSTRALIA



APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 22, 2008

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Minerals Council of Australia Community Relations Scholarship



The Minerals Council of Australia is the peak national industry association representing Australia's exploration, mining and minerals processing industry, nationally and internationally, in its contribution to sustainable development and society. MCA member companies produce more than 85 per cent of Australia's annual mineral production and over 90 per cent of Australia's minerals export earnings.

The MCA's strategic objective is to advocate public policy and operational practice for a globally competitive industry that is safe, profitable, innovative and environmentally and socially responsible.

In line with its commitment to the sustainable development, the MCA is pleased to support capacity building in social competencies for those working in the minerals industry and the communities in which it operates. Accordingly, the MCA has funded the development of a postgraduate program in Community Relations for the minerals industry, in collaboration with the University of Queensland and the Australian National University.

To encourage prospective students to participate in the program, the MCA is pleased to offer one full-fee scholarship, covering tuition costs for the UQ Graduate Certificate in Community relations in the minerals industry, to a successful applicant on an annual basis.¹

For further information on the course: www.csrn.uq.edu.au

Award Criteria

To be eligible for consideration the Applicant must:

- a. Meet the academic criteria for entry to the Graduate Certificate program as prescribed by the University of Queensland (normally an undergraduate degree with two years relevant work experience. However, subject to University approval, people without formal tertiary qualifications may qualify for admission through recognition of prior learning, work experience or identified skill development. International applicants must also provide evidence of competency in written and spoken English);
- b. Be working in, or in direct contact with, the minerals industry, nationally and/or internationally; and
- c. Have the support of your employer to undertake this program, including participation in the residential component of the course.

Applicants should complete the attached application form and submit this with two signed referee reports (1 from your employer, and 1 from a key external stakeholder with whom you have engaged through your employment) to the Minerals Council of Australia by no later than 22 December 2008.

A panel of MCA and industry representatives will select the successful applicant in consultation with the University of Queensland.

Applications from Indigenous employees and employees of small and medium sized minerals companies are particularly encouraged.

¹ Additional costs associated with participation in the course and residential program will be the responsibility of the successful applicant.

1. Applicant Contact Details

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

Phone: (work)

(home)

(mobile)

Fax:

Email:

2. Applicant questionnaire

To assist the MCA in selecting the award recipient, please provide succinct answers (no more than 2 paragraphs) to the following questions.

a. Please describe your current role and the length and nature of your engagement with the minerals industry:

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b. Please describe your highest level of academic achievement:

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i. For international students, do you have evidence of competency in written and spoken English?

Yes No

c. Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes No

Referee Report Pro-forma

Report for (insert applicants name):

Referee Status (please tick):

Employer

As the Applicant's employer, do you support their participation in the course, including its assessment and any residential programs? Yes No

External Stakeholder

1. Referee Contact Details

Name:

Position:

Organisation:

Address:

Phone: (work)

(home)

(mobile)

Fax:

Email:

2. Referee Comments

Please provide a ranking, and supporting comments on:

a. The applicant's demonstrated commitment to improving the social and socio-economic outcomes for communities in mining regions.

Ranking:

5 – Exceptional

4 – Outstanding

3 – Fully Competent

2 – Competent

1 – Not competent

Comments:

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b. The applicant's sound knowledge of the interests and concerns of community relations issues in the minerals industry

Ranking:

- 5 – Exceptional
- 4 – Outstanding
- 3 – Fully Competent
- 2 – Competent
- 1 – Not competent

Comments:

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c. The applicant's ability to engage with, understand and respond to the views of various stakeholder groups in relation to the development of mineral resources.

Ranking:

- 5 – Exceptional
- 4 – Outstanding
- 3 – Fully Competent
- 2 – Competent
- 1 – Not competent

Comments:

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Any Additional comments:

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Referee signature: Date: / /