AIMS@JCU Pilot Research Funding Guidelines

AIMS@JCU Pilot Research funding awards will be distributed on a competitive basis and are subject to several criteria. Students will be assessed on:

- Quality of the proposed project
- The strength of the research linkage between AIMS and JCU
- Academic record and/or experience level of the student
- Inclusion of a component of quantitative analysis and/or modelling
- The maximum award will not exceed $1,000

Students who are successful in receiving funds will be asked to provide information about the project and its progress for reports to the AIMS@JCU Management Committee as well as inclusion in the newsletter or website, and should be prepared to do so as a condition of support. Additionally, funded students must list AIMS@JCU as an affiliation for any publications or presentations resulting from the supported research.

Eligibility:
- AIMS@JCU student members at any level, excluding recipients of AIMS@JCU scholarships
- All documentation to be received by AIMS@JCU prior to 13th March 2015

To apply:
Application package requirements:
1) A completed application form
2) Description of the proposed project and its relevance to AIMS@JCU (not to exceed one page)
3) A statement indicating how the funds will be used (not to exceed 250 words)
4) Letters of support from supervisors at both parent institutions
5) Academic record
6) Curriculum vitae
AIMS@JCU Pilot Research Funding Application Form

Name:
School:
What degree you are enrolled in:
Start year of your degree:
Expected completion date:

Details of proposed project:
Project Title:
Start date:
Primary JCU Supervisor:
Primary AIMS Supervisor:
Additional supervisors (include institution):

Details of request:
Amount of funding requested: $ (Maximum of $1,000)
On a separate page please outline how funds will be used (not to exceed 250 words)

Required attachments:
Project description
Proposed use of funds
Letter of support from JCU supervisor
Letter of support from AIMS supervisor
Academic record
Curriculum vitae

Applicant Signature:

Date:
Why be an AIMS@JCU member?

The core business of AIMS@JCU is to facilitate collaboration between the Australian Institute of Marine Science and James Cook University, primarily through the training of joint and high quality postgraduate students. To that end we offer postgraduate scholarships, conference funding and logistical support to eligible students where possible. Thus the major benefits to our members come in the form of student support.

Our PhD scholarships are competitive with a stipend at the level of the Australian Postgraduate Award plus an additional allowance of $5,000 per year, which can be used as a stipend top-up or toward research costs; this allows us to attract and support high quality applicants. Each year a student seminar day is hosted to provide students with a supportive forum to practice presentation of their results and interact with and learn about their colleagues, as well as to award prize money for conference travel to outstanding presentations. We also provide a commuter van which travels between JCU and AIMS each day and can be used by members free of charge. In addition, from time to time AIMS@JCU facilitates infrastructure investment on both campuses to enhance opportunities for collaboration, such as MARFU at JCU, the Controlled Environment Facility at AIMS and the optic-fibre link between AIMS and JCU.

In summary, the benefits of AIMS@JCU membership include:

- access to infrastructure support, facilities and equipment at AIMS and JCU
- access to a network of research/academic personnel with a world-class knowledge-base
- access to full or supplementary Scholarship Funding
- access to Student Pilot Research Funding
- access to Student Travel Support Funding
- inclusion in AIMS@JCU member email lists for updates, networking and information