AIMS@JCU Travel Funding Award Guidelines

AIMS@JCU Travel funding awards will be distributed on a competitive basis and are subject to several criteria. Students will be assessed on the quality of their proposed science communication plan.

Acceptable uses of this award are:
- Attendance at a national or international conference to present AIMS@JCU research, in Australia or overseas. For PhD students, usually only considered after 2nd year of candidature.
- Attendance at an institution for the purposes of completing collaborative research resulting in a manuscript or thesis chapter, learning a new technique, or liaising with potential future post-doc employer. For PhD students, usually only considered in 3rd or 4th year of candidature.
- Awardees will be required to acquit receipts (and return unspent funds), attribute AIMS@JCU on all outputs, and provide an article for the newsletter and other AIMS@JCU publications.

Eligibility:
- AIMS@JCU student member at any level
- Confirmation of supervisor support
- All documentation to be received by AIMS@JCU prior to 13th March 2015

To apply:
Application package requirements:
1) A completed application form
2) A science communication plan (i.e. a statement indicating how the funds will be used, not to exceed 250 words)
3) Letters of support from supervisors at both parent institutions
4) Curriculum vitae
AIMS@JCU Travel Funding Award Application Form

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

Conference/workshop (if applicable):
Location of travel:
Dates of travel (if applicable):

Primary JCU Supervisor:
Primary AIMS Supervisor:
Additional supervisors (include institution):

Details of request:
Amount of funding requested: $ .................
(Maximum of $750 for an activity within Australia;
maximum of $1,500 for an activity outside of Australia)
On a separate page please outline how funds will be used in your proposed Science
Communication plan (not to exceed 250 words)

Required attachments:
Completed application form
Science Communication plan
Letter of support from JCU supervisor
Letter of support from AIMS supervisor
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