Australia ICOMOS Victorian Scholarship
Call for applications

Name: Australia ICOMOS Victorian Scholarship
Value: $5,000 exclusive of GST

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Government’s strategy *Victoria’s Heritage: Strengthening our communities* articulates a broad vision for heritage conservation and interpretation. Victoria’s Heritage delivers programs and initiatives that provide a whole-of-government framework to recognise, protect, interpret and manage Victoria’s diverse heritage. The strategy’s *Direction 6: Resourcing the community* includes the action to provide increased opportunities for the training of heritage professionals.

The purpose of this scholarship, funded by Heritage Victoria and delivered through Australia ICOMOS, is to provide funding towards a recognised specialist heritage training course.

Eligibility criteria:

Disciplines: archaeologists, architects, architectural historians, materials conservators, engineers, geographers, historians, horticulturalists, landscape architects, maritime archaeologists or planners practise in a heritage specialism.

Qualifications: applicants must have completed their undergraduate degree in a heritage related discipline.

Geographic areas: eligibility is limited to residents of Victoria.

Employment status: unrestricted, including employees of Heritage Victoria or the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

Proposed training: recognised formal structured training course in heritage conservation or cultural heritage management. Preference is given to courses in Australia, although support for attendance at relevant overseas courses will be considered. The scholarship may be used as a contribution towards course fees and materials, travel and living costs.

ICOMOS membership: eligibility would not be limited to Australia ICOMOS members, although successful scholars would be required to join ICOMOS (in the appropriate category).
Number of scholarships

One or more scholarships are being offered in 2008 to a total value of $5000 excluding GST. The scholarship will not be offered if there are no suitable candidates.

Selection committee: Chaired by ICOMOS with representation from the Victorian members of the Australia ICOMOS Executive and a nominee of the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria and the Chair of the Heritage Council of Victoria.

Selection criteria:

- Evidence of a skills gap in that sector of the industry
- Extent of postgraduate experience, preference should be given to those less than 15-years out from their undergraduate degree
- Appropriateness of proposed course, preference should be given to individuals wishing to undertake Australian courses.
- Demonstrated commitment and financial contribution from the participant
- Referee report(s).

Form of application

Application is by letter, addressing the eligibility and selection criteria above, and is to contain list of referees with contact details. It must contain details of the proposed course, including date of commencement and length of course, course content and the name of the institution.

The letter should be addressed to:

Australia ICOMOS Secretariat  
CHCAP, Faculty of Arts, Deakin University  
221 Burwood Highway  
Burwood, Victoria 3125  
E-mail: austicomos@deakin.edu.au

Reporting requirement: On completion of the course the scholar would be required to provide Australia ICOMOS and Heritage Victoria with evidence that the scholar has attended and completed the course successfully, and a short written report (500 words) on what they have gained from undertaking the course. The scholar may be requested to present at a seminar. $500 would be withheld from the scholar until the evidence of successful completion of the training and the report was provided to ICOMOS.

Contact for enquiries:

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Closing date for applications is Monday 21 July 2008