

RDI Conference 2017

Partnering for Impact on Sustainable Development

13-14 June 2017, The University of Sydney

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RDI Conference 2017 Student Forum Thursday 15 June 2017 Students Partnering for Impact Award

What is the Students Partnering for Impact Award?

The Students Partnering for Impact Award aims to create and nurture international collaboration among students from different regional areas and to promote student led projects that endeavour to contribute to local and international development. It provides financial support to students from different universities in the Asia, Pacific and African regions for their project related expenses, working collaboratively with students in Australia.

The Award was made possible through a generous donation by Associate Professor Robyn Alders of the University of Sydney. Last 16 February, Dr. Alders was awarded the 2017 Mitchell Humanitarian Award in recognition of her contribution to regional and international development. Along with the trophy, Dr. Alders was awarded \$10,000 to be donated to a charity of her choice. To learn more about the Mitchell Humanitarian award, please visit <http://devpolicy.org/aidprofiles/2016/02/22/mitchell-global-humanitarian-award/>.

What are the eligibility criteria for the Award?

- Applicants must be current, bona fide undergraduate and/or postgraduate students from any discipline at the time of application.
- Applicants from any discipline are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must form a team of a minimum of two members, with at least one member from Australia and the remaining member/s from the other participating regions. That is to say, a student/s from Australia must partner with a student/s from the Pacific, Asia and/or Africa.
- Applicants must propose a project which starts after 30 June 2017 and should be completed on or before the end of June 2018.
- Top 5 final entries must prepare a 10 minute presentation, to be delivered in person or in video format, at the Research for Development Impact (RDI) Student Forum on 15 June 2017. For more details about the RDI Student Forum, please visit <http://rdiconference2017.org.au/conference-program/student-forum/>.

What can we do as a project?

The project must be about a particular issue and must have a tangible output. Projects may be in the form of any of the following, but are not limited to: a research paper, a documentary, creation of a handbook or manual, a workshop to raise awareness for a particular cause, building networks, or photo essay. It can be a standalone project or may also be part of an on-going endeavour with another institution or non-government organisation (NGO). **The project must be carried out in one, but not necessarily all, of the countries from which the student/s originate/s from.**

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How much is the Award worth?

There is available funding for up to two projects with values ranging between AUD \$5,000 to \$10,000 each.

What are the guidelines for the use of funds?

The Award money must be used to offset specific project related expenses including but not limited to project related travel, contributions to transcription or interpreter expenses, printing of manuals, purchase of minor equipment, specialist books, software or tests essential to the conduct of the students' projects. The funds cannot be used for large item equipment (e.g., laptop), living expenses, salaries/wages, attendance at conferences (except for presentation of study results) and preparation of thesis/dissertation. Successful applicants are expected to conduct all field and laboratory work and other work related to the proposed project. The Award will be granted to students and not institutions nor faculty members. Note that in-kind contributions and co-funding will be viewed favourably.

What is the responsibility of the Award recipients?

Award recipients are expected to complete the project within the expected time frame. At the end of the year, they must provide a report on how the awarded funds were spent, together with appropriate receipts and a written report (maximum 1,000 words) of the project.

What is the schedule for the selection process?

The application period is from **15 to 31 May 2017**.

The results will be announced on **15 June 2017** during the student form of the RDI Conference at The University of Sydney.

What is the deadline of the application?

The deadline of the application is at **5pm on 31 May 2017**.

Application materials must consist of the following:

1. A completed application form (Available from <http://rdiconference2017.org.au/conference-program/student-forum/>)
2. 1-page resume for each of the members the team
3. Scanned copy of student IDs

Where should I submit the application materials?

All application materials must be sent to John Dooley at jdoo3168@uni.sydney.edu.au by **31 May 2017**.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the Award?

For any further information, please contact John Dooley at jdoo3168@uni.sydney.edu.au.