

Victoria E-Research Professional Development Awards 2008

Apply by 30 June 2008 for financial support to attend an international e-research event!

We want Victoria staff and PhD students to have the opportunity to attend international e-research events, but we know that it can be hard to find time and funds for activities not directly related to your academic discipline.

These awards are to encourage you to explore how advanced information and communication technologies are changing the way that research can be done.

Funding support available

Three awards of a maximum of \$3,000 each are available.

Each award will consist of up to 50% of the costs of attendance at an international e-research event, including registration, travel, accommodation and living expenses.

We will help successful applicants to apply to the KAREN Travel Fund for the remaining 50%.

Eligibility

Any Victoria University staff member or PhD student can apply. Applications from the Faculties of Science, Architecture and Design, and Engineering are especially encouraged.

Successful staff members will need to apply for conference leave in the usual way.

Application process

Applicants should use the KAREN Travel Fund form, available online at:

<http://www.karen.net.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/CBF-Travel-and-Events-08.doc>

A covering letter of support from your Head of School (or supervisor, if you are a PhD student) for your attendance at the e-research event should also be attached to the application.

The closing date for applications is: **5 pm, Monday 30 June**. Applications should be attached to an email and sent to sam.searle@vuw.ac.nz.

Selection criteria

The KAREN Travel Fund criteria focus on:

- encouraging collaboration
- building professional skills
- increasing the use of the Kiwi Advanced Research and Education Network (KAREN)
- providing benefit to the wider research community
- matching one or more of the KAREN priorities (outlined on the form)

Applications will be assessed on how well they meet these criteria, as well as on the applicant's ability and willingness to use the knowledge gained on the trip to benefit VUW as well as the applicant's colleagues and peers in other research organisations.

The KAREN Travel Fund requires applications to write a report about the event they attend, which is made available on the KAREN website. In addition, we expect successful applicants to make a presentation to VUW staff and postgraduates, and to consider submitting funding applications for e-research projects in the year after the event.

Suggested events

These events have been hand-picked on the recommendation of Victoria staff or colleagues from other research organisations that have attended the events in previous years.

E-Research Australasia: <http://www.eresearch.edu.au>

Melbourne, 29 September - 1 October 2008 (workshops follow on 2 - 3 October)

This conference brings together researchers, technologists, and policymakers. Last year more than 300 people attended in Brisbane.

The conference has a strong focus on applications and exemplars using eResearch infrastructures (e.g. data or compute grids, high performance computing, access federations, modelling or visualisation tools, etc) in diverse research areas including:

- Climate and water
- Environmental and geo sciences
- Bio and life sciences
- Materials, chemical, and physical sciences
- Astronomy and physics.

Confirmed keynotes in 2008 include:

- Graham Cameron, European Bioinformatics Institute
- Kerstin Lehnert, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University
- John Wilbanks, Science Commons.

UK e-Science 2008 All Hands Meeting 2008: "Crossing Boundaries: Computational Science, E-Science and Global E-Infrastructures": <http://www.allhands.org.uk/>

Edinburgh, 8th - 11th September 2008

This year's AHM is aiming for synergy between computer scientists and computational scientists and researchers in all domains. Participants are invited to build on this meeting to facilitate new ways of doing science, and to create bold new national and international initiatives.

There is a strong focus on applications and on hands-on workshops at the AHM.

Other events

Applicants are not limited to these events. If there is another e-research event more suitable to your needs, please provide full details of the programme with your application.

An e-research event listing is available on the KAREN website: <http://www.karen.net.nz/events/>.

Help with your application

The E-Research Development Coordinator can assist with background information to help you fill in the form. Contact Sam on sam.searle@vuw.ac.nz or on ext. 6613 for assistance.