
Applications Now Open: Student Scholarships - Sustainability Conference, Melbourne, Nov. 2017!

James Cook University is offering two students the opportunity to attend the 2017 Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) Conference, being held at RMIT University from the 1st - 3rd November.

About the Conference

The annual [ACTS Conference](#) is this year being held at RMIT University, Melbourne from the 1st - 3rd November 2017. This year's Conference theme is "THINK BIG for Global Goals", encouraging participants to explore, develop and celebrate the role they have in realising the globally relevant [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) by progressing to a healthy and inclusive future for all.

About the ACTS

ACTS is a member based organisation that aims to inspire, promote and support change towards best practice sustainability within the operations, curriculum and research of the Australasian tertiary education sector. ACTS builds partnerships at regional and international levels, in order to bring together a network of people for positive engagement, capacity building and change.

James Cook University is a founding member of ACTS.

About the JCU Scholarship

The scholarship provides an opportunity for current JCU students from our Cairns and Townsville campuses to attend the ACTS Conference as representatives of the University. Two scholarships will be awarded, one from each campus, dependent on suitable applications being received.

To apply, please complete the Application Form on page 3. Applications due: 5pm, Friday 15 September 2017.

Value

Each scholarship will provide up to a total value of AU\$2,500 (incl. GST) towards the cost of attending the 2017 ACTS Conference. Where the total cost of attending the conference is less than \$2,500, the scholarship will be the actual cost incurred. Where the total cost of attending the conference is more than \$2,500, the scholarship awardee must meet and cover all additional costs.

The scholarship will contribute to the following items:

- Return travel from Townsville / Cairns to Melbourne
- Conference registration, including the Conference Dinner and the Green Gown Awards ceremony
- Accommodation in Melbourne for the duration of the Conference

- Daily main meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner (alcohol not included)) - all meal costs will be paid for by the scholarship holder during the trip and reimbursed upon return from the conference and receipt of appropriate tax invoices.

Administration

- The JCU Sustainability Office will make the necessary travel arrangements for the successful applicants and will administer all scholarship funding.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be currently enrolled students at James Cook University and study at either the Cairns or Townsville campuses.
- One student per campus (Cairns and Townsville) will be awarded a scholarship, dependent on suitable applications being received.
- Applicants must demonstrate how they are proactively seeking experience and/or learning in sustainability (e.g. involvement with environmentally focused student or community groups; volunteering; pursuing other sustainability related extra curricula activities).
- Successful applicants will be required to write a short article on their experience, to be published on the TropEco website and in the TropEco newsletter.
- Students must be available to travel from Tuesday 31st October to Friday 3rd November 2017.

NOTE – Lecture recess starts Monday 30th October and exams begin on Saturday 4th November.

Further Information

For further information about the scholarship or to receive a Word version of the Application Form, please contact: **Kerryn O’Conor**

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For further information about the Australasian Campuses Toward Sustainability (ACTS) Conference, visit <http://www.actsconference.com.au/>

The Application Form

To apply for a JCU scholarship to attend the 2017 ACTS Conference, please complete the application form and **send to sustainability@jcu.edu.au by 5pm, Friday 15 September 2017.**

Student scholarship Application – 2017 ACTS Conference	
Name of Applicant	
Student Number	
Phone number	
Email address	
Campus (Townsville or Cairns)	
Degree title, year and major	
College	
Study load (Full or Part time)	
Outline how you will balance your study commitments and attendance at the conference. (100 words max.)	
How do you actively support sustainability at JCU and in the broader community? (150 words max.)	
Why do you want to attend the ACTS Conference as a representative of JCU and what are you hoping to gain from the experience? (150 words max.)	
Outline how you intend to share your experience with your peers to promote further involvement in sustainability at JCU. (100 words max.)	