For staff and students...Please distribute to all students in your program!

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NOTE: To promote your activity in the SET SSCC News or to give feedback email rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au

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1. **WANTED:** Student Representation on SET Portfolio Governance Committees

We are now seeking expressions of interest from TAFE, Undergraduate & Postgraduate students who would like to become a SET Portfolio; Governance Committee member.

Go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/committees](http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/committees) for more information about:
- What is Governance?
- Role of a Governance Committee member
- Who is eligibility to be a member of a SET Portfolio Governance Committee?
- To be eligible for RMIT LEAD recognition
- About SET Portfolio Governance Committees
- About RMIT University Student Advisory Committee

Free training (followed by lunch) will be provided on Friday 23rd May

Email rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au to find out more and to register.

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2. **Hurry – only 2 SSCC training sessions left in semester 1, 08.**

Students (who have not attended SSCC training before) should register online now [http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainmay/](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainmay/) for one of the following training days.

- Friday May 2 from 3 to 6pm at Bundoora
- Tuesday May 6 from 9.30am to 12.30pm in the City

- Additional training will be offered in August, for those who have missed out go to [http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainaugust](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrainaugust)
You are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled training sessions. If this is not possible, please email sccc@rmit.edu.au indicating the day/s of the week and the 3 hour time slot (AM or PM) when you could attend. It may be possible to include an additional session at a later stage if enough students are available for the same time slot.

3. **Lots of Scholarships $$ for Current Students - Now Open!**

a. **Scholarships for Associate Degree students extended to 9 May 2008**
   - Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS) $2162 per year (indexed annually) for the duration of your program (max 4 years)
   - Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS) $4,324 per year (indexed annually) for the duration of your program (max 4 years).

Who Should Apply?
   - students on low incomes and who may be socially or educationally disadvantaged
   - students who are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
   - students from non-English speaking background who were born overseas
   - students with an ongoing disability and/or serious health problem
   - students from rural/regional areas

How to Apply
   - Apply using the 2008 RMIT Scholarship Application Form URL: [http://mams.rmit.edu.au/g5nj4o6d0986.pdf](http://mams.rmit.edu.au/g5nj4o6d0986.pdf) or pick one up from the HUB on your campus.
   - Submit a completed application form in person at any RMIT Student HUB or by post: Private & Confidential, RMIT Scholarships and Finance Office, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne VIC 3001

For more information contact the RMIT Scholarships & Finance Office
   - Phone: (03) 9925 2811 e-mail scholarships@rmit.edu.au web [www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships)

b. **OS HELP**
   The new Australian Government loan scheme "OS HELP" has loans of $1,000 to $5,196 available for a six month study period on exchange at one of over 100 RMIT partner institutions. The loan is also available for Study Abroad students.
   - Applications close Friday 2 May 2008
   - Contact [http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships/oshelp](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships/oshelp)

c. **Agriculture scholarships**
   Scholarships of $2000 Available to Students Enrolled in a Tertiary Course Related to Agriculture.
   - Closing date for applicants is the 30th June 2008

d. **Nursing Scholarships**
   Royal College of Nursing, Australia is proud to act as the fund administrator for 15 scholarship schemes funded through the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. Please follow the links below to view the various scholarships on offer.
   - Several nursing scholarships are now open

e. **Allied Health Sciences Scholarships**
   The Menzies Foundation Fellowship and Scholarship Program scholarships in allied health sciences are open now.
   - Applications close 30 June.
   - For more information visit [http://www.menziesfoundation.org.au/](http://www.menziesfoundation.org.au/)

f. **2008 Google Australia and New Zealand Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship for women in IT**
   Scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of candidates' academic background and demonstrated leadership. A group of female undergraduate and graduate student finalists will be chosen from the applicant pool. The scholarship recipients will each receive a $5,000 scholarship for the 2009 academic year and an expenses-paid trip to the 2009 Grace Hopper Conference in the United States. Remaining finalists will receive $1,000 each.
Applications close Friday 13th June 2008.

**g. Electrical Engineering**
The Power Academy has been established to support and finance you through the final 2 years of your university course. As part of the scholarship package, scholars receive:
- A $5000 bursary for each full year of study, a book allowance of $1000 per year, mentors from both industry and academia, IET membership for the 2 years, University fees (HECS) paid for each of the final 2 years of study, 13 weeks Industrial training / work experience provided by the sponsoring Industry partner during summer vacation


**h. Find out about other scholarships**
[http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ntvr8wz6t5011#9](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ntvr8wz6t5011#9) or [www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships](http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships)

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**4. Application Express** *(how to write a job application letter)*

New from RMIT Career Development and Employment (CD&E). Finding writing your application letter a challenge? Want to improve an existing application letter? Need to know how to complete an online application? All this and more is covered in Application Express!

Application Express is an online interactive tutorial designed to help students write application letters with a focus on language as well as the content. The tutorial is particularly useful for students who come from non English speaking backgrounds or for anyone who just wants to improve their writing style. The best way to complete the tutorial is sequentially i.e. from Module 1 through to Module 4. But you can pick and choose which modules you feel apply and just complete those. Click the button below to enter Application Express.


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**5. Working in Australia - An Information Session for International Students**

Did you know Australia is experiencing a skills shortage?

Due to popularity of the 2007 event, Career Development and Employment (CD&E) and International Student Information and Support (ISIS) will once again be hosting an information session where international students can hear from representatives from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and the Skilled Employment Assistance Program (SEAP).

When: 12.00 – 2.30pm Thursday 1 May
Where: Auditorium, Level 5, RMIT Storey Hall-Building 16, 342-348 Swanston Street
Find out more [http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers/students/workinginaustraliainfosession](http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers/students/workinginaustraliainfosession)

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**6. Drop-in at the Study and Learning Centre**

Struggling with your essay, maths, science, language or study skills? Drop-in at the Study and Learning Centre provides students with access to specialist English and Maths / Science learning assistance. This service is provided free for all students.


**Individual study assistance**

The SLC can provide students with a limited number of individual one-hour appointments. This is a confidential service where you can discuss a range of learning skills, study techniques, writing and language issues with advisers. Small group sessions can also be arranged.

- To book an appointment at any campus, please ring 9925 3600
- For more information visit [http://www.rmit.edu.au/studyandlearningcentre/individual](http://www.rmit.edu.au/studyandlearningcentre/individual)