For staff and students…

Please distribute to all students in your program!

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

1. Cancer Council Postgraduate Scholarships & Undergraduate Summer Vacation Studentships

General eligibility: Open to local and International Students interested in cancer research (see website for more details)
Duration and Value: Studentships are a 6 week placement with $250 per week bursary. Postgraduate scholarships are for up to $35,378 per annum for up to 3 years.
Applications close: Undergraduate studentships 14 September 2009
Postgraduate Scholarships 6 November 2009

For more details of Eligibility and to Apply go to http://www.cancervic.org.au/apply_for_funding

2. NOW OPEN - Student Volunteer Award Nominations

Every year we recognise student volunteers who have contributed to their program or activity in unique and outstanding ways. Students and staff can nominate, and award winners receive $400 and special plaque in recognition of their efforts.

Student Volunteers can be nominated for seven categories:

- **Mentoring** - This award is for RMIT students who have contributed in an exceptional way to an RMIT mentoring or peer tutoring program.
- **Representation** - This award is for students who volunteer as SSCC (Student Staff Consultative Committee) members or who sit on any other university committee as a student representative.
- **Community** - This award is for RMIT students have contributed to building a better RMIT community for fellow students through their volunteer role.
• **Sports** - This award is for a student who has made an outstanding contribution to an RMIT sporting team or club, as a team member, club executive, team manager, team coach or sports trainer.

• **Arts and Culture** - This award is for a student who has contributed exceptionally to an arts or cultural activity or event, whether as part of the RMIT Union Arts Department or as part of the wider RMIT community.

• **Events** - This award is for students who demonstrate exceptional motivation and skill in contributing to RMIT events, such as community events, Open Day, Orientation or Graduation.

• **Leadership** - This award is for an outstanding student who has contributed widely across a number of activities / programs and demonstrated exceptional leadership skills. This award will go to an individual who is an ‘all star volunteer’.

Eligibility & Award information available from: [www.rmit.edu.au/lead/studentvolunteernight/awards](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/studentvolunteernight/awards)


Nominations close 4.00pm, Friday 4 September

Award recipients will receive their award at the Student Volunteer Night on Thursday 24 September, 2009.

For more information contact Aleng Joses on 9925 9607 or e-mail aleng.joses@rmit.edu.au

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3. **Create, Contribute, Connect >>>> BOUNCE!!!**

Submit your original ideas on student wellbeing in the form of:

- Stories
- Music
- Humour
- Poetry
- Artworks
- Tips
- Short Web Videos
- Music
- Songs
- Photos
- Cartoons and Animations

Contribute today and the best entries win a variety of great prizes.

- $1,000 first prize
- $700 second prize
- One of seven iPod Touch ($329 RRP) for best in each theme
- One of three iPod Touch for best use of media

Seven wellbeing themes:

- Aspire and Imagine
- Appreciate and Wonder
- Connect and Care
- Balance and Replenish
- Celebrate and Laugh
- Learn and Create
- Grow and Contribute

You can enter as many times as you like.

Entries close: Monday 7 September, 2009.


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4. **Diverse student body project**

RMIT International Student Information & Support (ISIS) service initiative to celebrate the diverse student body at RMIT.
Who to be involved: ISIS would like to interview Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students from a range of backgrounds (one from each country from A to Z) from across the globe about their experiences at RMIT.

About the interview: The interviews will be short and focus on your experiences of Student Services and the provision of advice and support for new RMIT students.

Purpose of interviews: The interviews will be posted on the RMIT website and serve the dual purpose of promoting RMIT and providing much needed support and information to other commencing students. Students who are interested in participating will need to agree to have their interview posted on the RMIT website in semester 1, 2010.

Students who are interested in participating or just want to know more about this initiative should contact Louise Cooper on 9925 3454 or email louise.cooper@rmit.edu.au

5. Evelyn Boekemann Scholarship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students

Evelyn Boekemann Scholarships can assist Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students with general education and living costs. If you have special needs, you are encouraged to specify the support required to assist you in the completion of your studies.

Value: Up to $1,500
Eligible to apply: TAFE or Bachelor degree student
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student
Able to demonstrate unexpected personal or financial difficulties
Must not have received an Evelyn Boekemann Scholarship in Semester 1

How to Apply: Download and complete the application form available from http://mams.rmit.edu.au/g1n1av57higp.pdf

Applications close: Friday 18 September 2009

For more information about this and other scholarships at RMIT contact the scholarships office at http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships/contact

6. Education Abroad: Your Global Passport

RMIT students do not wait until after graduation to engage with the world academically, culturally and professionally. The opportunity for international travel and learning is a part of many programs. Mobility options include:

- International exchange programs
- Study tours
- Overseas work placements

At any level, most RMIT students have the opportunity to build an international component into their program.

For more information go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/globalpassport/educationabroad

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