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

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1. **HURRY: Last SSCC training session for 2009**

When: 1.30pm - 4.30pm, Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} September
Where: 10.4.2 (Disability Liaison Unit Meeting Room, near Caf), City Campus

Register online NOW at [http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/representation/sscc/training/bookings](http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/representation/sscc/training/bookings)

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2. **Recognition for participating on your SSCC**

Student SSCC representatives must complete:
- a minimum of 7 hours volunteer activities relating to SSCC within a 12 months period
- the 3 hour SSCC training session

If you have been on your school/program SSCC but haven’t attended the SSCC training you are not eligible for the LEAD certificate.

However if you register and attend the 17 Sept training session (see above) you will become eligible to:
- receive the RMIT LEAD certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor and a reference on their transcript to their volunteer work
- an invitation to attend the annual LEAD Student Volunteer Recognition event.

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3. **Apply NOW to receive your RMIT LEAD certificate**

If you have already attended the SSCC training and a minimum of 4 SSCC meetings you should download activity record sheet from [http://mams.rmit.edu.au/1scqppfpf4lvz.pdf](http://mams.rmit.edu.au/1scqppfpf4lvz.pdf)

Complete and return to:
- The RMIT LEAD office in Building 57, Level 4, Room 13 or scan and email to ssc@rmit.edu.au

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4. $3000 Scholarship for students on placements, internships, practicum, etc.

Applications close: 5:00pm (AEST) Monday 30 November 2009.


GUIDELINES
Australian Collaborative Education Network (ACEN) is the national body undertaking research and projects in relation to work integrated learning, i.e. placements, internships, practicum etc. within Australia. It liaises and partners with industry, government and not for profit organisations, to identify and promote opportunities on ways to enhance the student’s learning outside the classroom.

Members of ACEN understand that a student may, from time to time, face difficulties in supporting themselves or their families while undertaking a placement or learning experience outside the classroom. It is for this reason that ACEN are providing a scholarship of $3,000 to assist a student in undertaking their placement.

Value: $3,000 per annum for one year.

Purpose: This scholarship aims to support a student who will face economic hardship in undertaking a work integrated learning (WIL)/internship placement in 2010

Eligibility: To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- have Australian or New Zealand citizenship, or hold an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa,
- expect to be studying at least second year level at an Australian University or TAFE College in 2010, and be required to undertake an industry or community placement as part of your program in 2010.

And

- experience economic hardship in order to complete the WIL experience in 2010. To be eligible under this category, applicants must demonstrate through evidence:
  - in receipt of a current Centrelink payment or benefit (e.g. a low income health care card),
  - exceptional financial hardship, but are not in receipt of any Centrelink payments or benefits.

And

- Provide evidence of consistent academic achievement (i.e. pass or above)
  - Please note both an official or unofficial printed transcript will be accepted

And

- Funds to be used within 2010 and 2011.

Selection criteria will include:

- Demonstrated economic hardship
- Perceived benefit to the student
- Amount of previous WIL experience already completed
- Academic achievement (pass or above)
- Level of other support

The decision of the ACEN Executive will be final.

Recipient Obligations:

- Confirmation that they have successfully been placed to undertake a Work Integrated Learning placement/experience.
- Confirmation of current enrolment.
- Scholarship funds must be expended by end of 2011 academic year.
- On completion of the Work Integrated Learning placement/experience the recipient is to provide a short report, in a format to be provided, to the ACEN Executive outlining how the funds were expended and a brief overview of the learning experience gained.

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