for staff and students

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1. ADDITIONAL SSCC TRAINING DATES AVAILABLE

1. Thursday 3 April, 2pm-5pm. City Campus, 12.4, Workshop room behind the Hub
2. Thursday 19 April, 11am-2pm, City Campus, 8.2 University Function Room (next to Kaleide Theatre)
3. Friday 27 April, 10am-1pm, City Campus, 8.2 University Function Room (next to Kaleide Theatre)
4. Tuesday 1 May, 2pm-5pm, Bundoora Campus, 202.3.33, Staff Lounge

Please register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/sscctrain

Go to the bottom of the registration page where is says…

If you are not available to attend any of the above sessions, please specify your preferred date(s), day(s) and time(s) (i.e. morning or afternoon)

…and let LEAD which training session you would like to attend.

NOTE: If you would like to attend training but can’t attend any of the above sessions just let LEAD know time that are good for you.

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2. RESOURCES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS ON SSCC’S

• All students who attend training receive the SSCC Training and Resource Kit produced by the RMIT Student Union, downloadable from http://www.su.rmit.edu.au/downloads/SSCCKit%2D2006.pdf
• For more information about SSCC’s including RMIT policy & procedure, RMIT LEAD go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/sscc

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3. RATIONALE FOR SSCC’S

SSCC’s provide a forum for the Program Team and students enrolled in that program to:

- Review the effectiveness of the implementation of the Program Plan;
- Contribute to the continual quality improvement of the Program; and
- Ensure a holistic, student-centered learning environment.

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4. FUNCTIONS OF SSCC’S

- Monitor the delivery of the Program against the program plan;
- Highlight and share examples of good practice;
- Monitor the delivery of courses against course guides;
- Monitor the workload of students undertaking the program;
- Consider suggestions for modification and improvement to the program;
- Consider and seek to resolve problems which are of concern to students undertaking the program;
- Make recommendations to appropriate managers on matters requiring action that the Committee cannot resolve directly.

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5. STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON SET PORTFOLIO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES

*WANTED*

An organisation’s governance structure is separate from management. Governance committees take an objective view of the management of an organisation when participating in the planning and decision-making processes. Membership of Governance Committees may include internal (students and staff) and external stakeholders.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from 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

There are 17 positions for TAFE, Undergraduate and Postgraduate students on the Science, Engineering and Technology Portfolio governance committees.

Email rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au to find out more or register your interest.

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6. WOMEN IN ENGINEERING LUNCH

The RMIT IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering) [http://rmit.ieeevic.org/](http://rmit.ieeevic.org/) Women in Engineering group is hosting a lunch that is open to everyone.

Pizzas and refreshments will be served. Join us, enjoy the food and network with other students.

Date: Tuesday 3 April
Time: 12pm – 1pm
Venue: Building 10, Level 7, Room 27, 376 – 392 Swanston Street, City
Cost: Free

Limited places are available, to confirm your attendance or for more information, please email Mahnaz at s3143155@student.rmit.edu.au.
7. **ORGANARCHY - RMIT FOOD CO-OP**

- Organarchy is a non-profit co-operative social enterprise.
- Organarchy specialises in the retail of natural organic food.
- Organarchy is dedicated to providing natural, healthy, organic food for students and others at affordable prices.

To find out more about Organarchy come and visit us at the food court, Building 8, Level 4 of RMIT City Campus, located in Swanston Street.
Phone: 03 9925 9701 
Email: foodcoop@rmit.edu.au

8. **HEALTH**

No one plans to struggle with their health but it pays to keep these services in mind...just in case. Of course they are all priced for a student budget.

**Campus Nurse Service** [www.rmit.edu.au/campusnurseservice](http://www.rmit.edu.au/campusnurseservice)
The Campus Nurse Service aims to promote the health of students, thereby maximising their potential for academic and personal success. Doctors are also available at the City campus for limited appointments. Hours are 10am - 1pm, Tuesday and Thursday.

**Counselling** [www.rmit.edu.au/counselling](http://www.rmit.edu.au/counselling)
The counselling service helps students with their personal concerns so that they can meet the daily challenges of student life. Staffed by psychologists and other mental health professionals, the service is open to all enrolled RMIT students.

9. **EMPLOYER SECRETS SERIES**

The Employer Secret Series invites employers to speak to students on a range of relevant careers and employment topics. The series will give students the inside “secrets” of graduate employment, through current and up-to-date advice about specific industries and recruitment processes.

To register your attendance, please complete the [Employer Secrets Student Registration Form](http://www.rmit.edu.au/careers/employersecrets).

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10. **FINANCE**

**Scholarships**
Contemplating how you are going to cover the cost of living and learning for the year? There may be some help available particularly if you are really struggling to make ends meet or are personally disadvantaged in some way.

**Scholarships and Finance**
RMIT has many scholarships and funding opportunities to offer students. Many scholarships are not based on academic merit, but rather on students' financial and living circumstances.  
www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships

Emergency Loans
Short term Emergency Loans are available for students who need a small amount of cash in an emergency situation such as theft or misplacement of their wallet. Contact Linda Jackson on 9925 1753

11. RMIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

RMIT Union Scholarships are for International students and local TAFE students to assist with general education and living expenses. The scholarships are up to $2,500 and are for one year.

Applications close on April 13 2007

Eligibility
In order to be eligible for this Scholarship you must:
- be enrolled full time at RMIT University
- be a International student in a Higher Education program
- be a TAFE/ VET students, local or international
- be able to demonstrate financial need
- have paid your fees or be on a Payment Plan (Full fee paying students may apply)

You are not eligible to apply if you:
- are a postgraduate student
- are studying part-time (unless you can prove extenuating circumstances)
- have already completed an undergraduate university program
- are in the final semester of your final year
- have not paid your fees or are not on a Payment Plan

See the website for more information and apply http://www.rmit.edu.au/students/scholarships/union-scholarship

12. SET SSCC NEWS

SET SSCC News is for all students on SSCC’s in the Science, Engineering and technology Portfolio http://www.rmit.edu.au/set and is intended to provide information relevant to all students.

Currently, the SET SSCC News reaches only students who have attended (or expressed an interest in attending) SSCC training. Students who are not yet receiving this news can by emailing rick.ryan@rmit.edu.au and requesting to join the mailing list.

SET SSCC News is also available online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/set/ad/sled/ssccnews