FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

FACULTY CONFERENCE SUPPORT SCHEME (FCSS)
2008/2009

1. PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME

The purpose of this scheme is to provide a mechanism to support staff to participate in national and international conferences. The scheme will be performance-based and reflect DEST indicators of research outcomes.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHEME

The Faculty Conference Support Scheme will be administered by the Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences. This scheme is entirely internal to the Faculty. The Dean or her nominee, through advice from the Research Standing Committee, will determine the funds and criteria for dispersal on a 12 month basis (July – June). Funding will only be provided for staff presenting a paper at either a National or International conference.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CONFERENCE SUPPORT SCHEME

All full-time and part-time academic staff members on appointments greater than .5 and 12 months tenure of the Faculty of Health Sciences will be eligible for the Conference Support Scheme. Proposals will only be supported if endorsed by HOS and conference leave has been approved.

4. SCALE FOR CONFERENCE FUNDING

All staff will be eligible to receive $300 annually as per category 1. Further funding will be based on accrued research points (1 point = $100) through publications and research grant applications (see categories 2 - 6). The maximum amount of funding available is $3,000.

Category 1:

All staff who are attending a conference and provide evidence of giving a paper receive $300.
Category 2: Major work  
(A1 type work)  

This category refers to an authored book, which has been published by a recognised commercial press or publisher, or a multiple work/performance (i.e. major written and recorded work, individual exhibition of original art, major live recorded performances).

To be included in this category the publication must meet all of the following requirements:

- is a major work of scholarship bound (or if in electronic format, packaged) and offered for sale;
- has an International Standard Book Number (ISBN);
- was written entirely by a single author, or by joint authors who share responsibility for the whole book (i.e. individual chapters are not attributed to different authors);
- consists mainly of previously unpublished material, and makes some substantial contribution to a defined area of knowledge, including critical scholarly texts, new interpretations of historical events and new ideas or perspectives based on established research findings;
- has been published by a recognised commercial press or publisher.

Category 3: Minor work  
(B1 type work)  

This category refers to a contribution, consisting substantially of new material, to an edited compilation in which the material is subject to editorial scrutiny. It includes:

- a scholarly introduction of chapter length to an edited volume, where the content of the introduction reports research undertaken by the editor and makes a substantial contribution to a defined area of knowledge;
- a critical scholarly text of chapter length.

Category 4 Publication: Single Work – C1  

This category refers to a substantial work of scholarship published in a scholarly journal controlled by an editorial board following a formal process of peer review. It includes:

- Refereed article in scholarly journals reviewing multiple works or an entire field of research;
- Invited papers in journals where it is the standard practice of the journal to referee contributions. (Evidence will need to be provided both of the invited status of the article and of the standard practice of the journal to send contributions to referees);
- Refereed research articles in journals which are targeted to both scholars and professionals.
Category 5 Publication: Conference work and professional writing – E1 type work

This category refers to full written versions of conference papers, which are published. The papers may appear in a number of different formats (i.e. A volume of proceedings, a special edition of a journal, a normal issue of a journal, a book or a monograph, CD ROM of conferences of national and/or international significance).

Included in this category are keynote addresses to conferences of international or national significance, where all other papers for the conference are refereed and evidence is provided both of the keynote status of the address (i.e. Contents page).

Re Publications

In the case of a single author, all points are awarded to that author. In the case of multiple authors, points are awarded on a percentage basis.

Category 6: Successful External Grant Applications 1-5 points

This category refers to successful research grant applications to any funding body.

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