



## **Give your career the boost it deserves apply for a CIPS NSW educational scholarship towards MCIPS**

This scholarship supports a NSW CIPS Australia student to undertake further study that leads towards the MCIPS qualification. It is open to all NSW CIPSA members.

### **What is MCIPS?**

MCIPS stands for Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. It refers specifically to a fully qualified (full) member, who has achieved the CIPS Level 6 Professional Diploma or an accredited equivalent.

Full membership confers the post-nominals, 'MCIPS'. It represents the equivalent of degree-level education in strategic procurement and the professionalism associated with achieving the highest recognised global standard of excellence in procurement.

There are several pathways to MCIPS and many different ways to achieve the contributing CIPS Levels. See our *How to Achieve MCIPS* brochure for more information.

### **The prize**

The successful applicant will be awarded payment of \$3,000\* as a contribution towards any course of study that leads to the MCIPS qualification.

This could be:

- An accredited MCIPS course at an approved study centre or university
- Distance education via an approved study centre or university
- A CIPS Flexible Learning course; or
- CIPS qualifications (including CIPS-e learning options)

The contribution can also be used to credit November 2010 exam fees, or to cover May 2011 fees.

The Scholarship operates on the principle that providing this opportunity will promote both professional learning and the wider procurement profession, which is one of CIPS Australia's main objectives.

*\*Terms and Conditions Apply*

## **How to apply**

Applicants are required to submit the following:

### 1. an initial typed application (maximum 500 words) detailing:

- the course(s) they wish to study;
- other CIPS courses they have taken;
- procurement and purchasing experience;
- how the course will benefit them and their employing organisation, in relation to improving procurement knowledge and practices; and
- answering the question: What value do you see in applying for this scholarship?

AND

### 2. supporting documentation, namely:

- Current CV, with full contact details (address, phone, email) and full details of current employment role, name/work, location, previous experience and prior learning.
- Current letter of employment and organisational chart illustrating own position.
- Details of proposed course and the duration of the course.
- Detailed cost breakdown of fees and reimbursement required to a maximum of \$3,000.
- Details of two referees. Referees should be qualified to comment on the applicant's professional achievements and/or academic abilities, as well as community and/or social activities.

Applications are to be submitted electronically in MS word format with single spacing, electronically

Applications that do not meet all of the above requirements may not be considered.

## **Submitting applications**

Applications must be submitted by: 5pm (NSW time) on Friday 1 October 2010.

Submit applications to: [nsw@cipsa.com.au](mailto:nsw@cipsa.com.au)

The email subject line should read: Application for the Procurement Professional Scholarship, NSW

## **Eligibility**

Only CIPS Australia NSW members may apply.

No purchase from CIPS Australia is necessary for entry. Entry is free of charge to all applicants.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- have specific work experience in the procurement industry (for a minimum of 2 years),
- be a resident of NSW with an intention to remain for a reasonable period after completion of the course, or
- have a normal place of work address based in New South Wales
- have not yet commenced the relevant course on either a part-time or full-time basis (other than exams for November 2010), and
- be not currently fully supported financially by their organisation or work place.

The Scholarship may be withdrawn should the winner fail to satisfy any of the above conditions, or is not offered or does not end up accepting a place in the nominated course.

## **Selection of short-listed applicants**

A short-list of candidates will be selected on the basis of existing academic achievement, personal strengths, potential, passion and commitment for procurement, as well as financial needs.

Short-listed applicants may be required to deliver a short presentation about their application to the NSW CIPS Australia Regional Committee during October 2010. The NSW CIPS Australia Regional Committee will be the sole judges of the overall winner.

CIPS Australia will pay reasonable receipted travel expenses for short-listed applicant's travel from their home or work address to attend the interview.

## **Winner Announcement**

The Scholarship winner will be chosen by the end of October 2010. The winner will be formally announced on 19 November 2010 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CIPS NSW Christmas Gala in Sydney and published within CIPS Australia publications, including [www.cipsa.com.au](http://www.cipsa.com.au). The winner will be invited to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CIPS NSW Christmas Gala in Sydney as a guest of the NSW Regional Committee.

## **Terms and conditions**

1. Submission of an application for consideration by the judges means entrants accept these Terms and Conditions of Entry.
2. Applications received later than 5pm (NSW time) on 1 October 2010 will not be considered.
3. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.
4. No cash alternative prize is offered or is available.
5. Prizes and awards are not transferable.
6. Nominated courses of study must be working towards MCIPS.
7. The Scholarship winner is required to provide CIPS Australia with brief interim progress reports as determined by the NSW committee for the duration of the scholarship, outlining their academic results and brief details of any other activities undertaken as the Scholarship winner.
8. If the Scholarship winner decides to interrupt studies, the award may be discontinued, depending on the circumstances, at the discretion of the NSW CIPS Australia Regional Committee.
9. Prize payments will commence in the year in which the course commences and will cease once the scholarship funds of \$3,000 have been depleted.
10. The Scholarship winner's name will be published and used in CIPS Australia publications and on the website indefinitely.
11. The holder also consents to use of their name as a by-line and to the use of their image in CIPS Australia promotional material.
12. Entrants must be Australian residents and must normally reside within NSW, Australia and/or have a normal place of work within NSW, Australia.
13. The CIPS Australia NSW Regional Chair and the members on the CIPSA NSW Regional Committee will judge the competition.
14. Arbiter is the Managing Director of CIPS Australia, whose decision is final.
15. Employees and officers of CIPS, CIPS Australia, the CIPS Australia NSW Regional Committee and their relatives and partners are excluded from entry.
16. Members of CIPS Australia Steering Group, Steering Group sub-committees and other CIPS Australia regional committees are excluded from entry.
17. Promoter is CIPS Australia, L.10/520 Collins St Melbourne VIC 3000
18. The Laws of NSW, Australia applies.