

## ACEN eNews

We're upgrading our newsletter to a monthly web format - there's so much happening that we need to share with members more frequently.

You can contribute too. Space permitting, we'll share news about state, national and international events, research, projects, position vacancies and more. Submit material by the 10th of each month for distribution a few days later.

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## 1. ACEN Student Scholarships 2012

Once again ACEN will be offering scholarships to support students undertaking a WIL placement. This year the placement must be:

- In rural and remote locations which requires students to relocate from their home address
- Fulltime (4-5 days, for a minimum of three weeks duration)
- Within Australia

The scholarships will be open to final year students in all disciplines from institutions that are financial members of ACEN. The scholarships will be awarded on a basis of WIL achievement plus evidence of hardship.

Over 800 applications were received last year and 2012 is likely to be just as competitive. Member institutions will be notified when applications can be submitted (online only using a specific form).

## 2. Current ACEN institutional members

The following universities have renewed their membership for 2012:

Bond University	Queensland University of Technology	University of Queensland
Charles Darwin University	Southern Cross University	University of South Australia
Charles Sturt University	Swinburne University of Technology	University of Tasmania
Curtin University of Technology	University of Adelaide	University of Technology Sydney
Deakin University	University of Canberra	University of Western Australia
Edith Cowan University	University of Melbourne	University of Western Sydney
Macquarie University	University of New South Wales	University of Wollongong
Murdoch University	University of Notre Dame Australia	Victoria University

Other universities have been invoiced and several have indicated payment will be made shortly ('the cheque's in the mail'). Remember, you can now take out your own individual membership if your institution decides not to join (see below).

## 3. New membership categories

ACEN has introduced three new membership categories to better support our members and their students. These are:

new categories were proposed as part of constitutional changes at the recent AGM and have now been approved by the Office of Fair Trading (Qld).

<b>Institutional (Full)</b>	Open to post secondary institutions. All staff are eligible to apply for membership and as members have full voting rights and may nominate for the committee. Full benefits apply including discounts for ACEN and WACE (international) events and eligibility for research and student scholarships.	<b>\$2,200 p.a.</b>
<b>Institutional (Limited)</b>	Open to post secondary institutions. Up to five named staff are eligible to apply for membership and as members have full voting rights and may nominate for the committee. Full benefits apply including discounts for ACEN and WACE (international) events and eligibility for research and student scholarships.	<b>\$1,100 p.a.</b>
<b>Individuals</b>	Have full voting rights and may nominate for the committee. Full benefits apply including discounts for ACEN and WACE (international) events and eligibility for research scholarships.	<b>\$275 p.a.</b>
<b>Affiliate</b>	Have no voting rights and may not nominate for the committee. Newsletter only.	<b>No fee</b>

#### 4. State matters

##### **NSW/ACT ACEN Chapter**

###### **May 14 - make a diary note**

ACEN NSW/ACT Chapter forum "Ethical Practices in Work Integrated Learning" University of Canberra

##### **Queensland ACEN Chapter**

The University of Queensland will host the first ACENQ event for the year in collaboration with NAGCAS Qld (National Association of Graduate Career Advocacy Services).

This video conference event will be held from **9.30-12.30pm on Thursday April 12** in UQ Room 326 Parnell # 7 and will connect with Queensland regional universities.

Further details will be available soon but if you would like more information please contact Dr Deborah Peach, ACENQ Chair [d.peach@qut.edu.au](mailto:d.peach@qut.edu.au) or Raleigh Wallace, NAGCAS Qld [r.wallace@cqu.edu.au](mailto:r.wallace@cqu.edu.au)

#### 5. Enhancing Work Ready Engineering Graduates Conference 2012 - Student to Professional (S2P)

##### **15-16 February, 2012**

Inaugural conference to develop a national engineering internship program (NEIP).

Australian National University (ANU) and University of South Australia (UniSA) in collaboration, at Park Royal Hotel, Melbourne Airport.

[More](#)

#### 6. Australia's Service Learning Summit

##### **18 May 2012**

Griffith University

Service learning is attracting growing interest in Australian universities, schools and not-for-profit organisations. This Summit will provide an opportunity to explore the various dimensions of service learning and its connections to work integrated learning.

[Flyer](#)

More information Email: [sl-summit@griffith.edu.au](mailto:sl-summit@griffith.edu.au) Phone: +61 (0)7 3382 1781

#### 7. WACE 9th International Conference on Co-operative and Work Integrated Education - "Where East meets West and Theory Meets Practice"

##### **June 20-22, 2012 in Istanbul, Turkey**

Discounts for ACEN members.

[More](#)

#### 8. Other conferences

##### **April 3-4, 2012 Sydney**

- Practice-Based Education Summit 2012 - Education for Practice. Work & Society

## April 18-20, 2012 Hamilton, New Zealand

- [NZACE Annual Conference](#) "Nurturing the learning: getting stuck in together"

## 9. Base Funding Review: Send your Feedback

DEEWR have released the Base Funding report which makes recommendations regarding the principles for investment into higher education.

[www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Policy/BaseReview/Documents/HigherEd\\_FundingReviewReport.pdf](http://www.deewr.gov.au/HigherEducation/Policy/BaseReview/Documents/HigherEd_FundingReviewReport.pdf).

There are several sections in the report in relation to WIL section 3.2.1 and clinical placements and practicum's section 4.6.

ACEN has been asked to participate in further targeted consultations to obtain the views from the sector about the principles and recommendations to inform the Government's response. The consultation that ACEN is participating in will be held in late February. ACEN's original submission to the review can be accessed from the ACEN website.

[www.acen.edu.au/projects/Base-fundingResponse-ACEN.pdf](http://www.acen.edu.au/projects/Base-fundingResponse-ACEN.pdf)

The Base Funding Final Report acknowledges the expansion of work integrated learning across Australia and the increased resources required for delivery of WIL. The report indicates that the costs associated with WIL are not clear and requires further investigation. The report also suggests investigating a change to the current funding model from cluster based to mode of delivery to better reflect the costs. We would draw your attention to Principles 2, 3 and 7 ( page xvii ) and recommendations 8,18 ( Page xxi ) .

ACEN is very keen to get feedback from ACEN members regarding the report.

**Please forward your comments** to either Judie Kay [judie.kay@VU.edu.au](mailto:judie.kay@VU.edu.au) or Deborah Peach [d.peach@qut.edu.au](mailto:d.peach@qut.edu.au) before **February 15th 2012**

## 10. Assessing the Impact of WIL on Student Work Readiness

A new ACEN-endorsed research project involving thirteen Australian Universities, and titled "Assessing the Impact of WIL on Student Work Readiness", has recently commenced.

The granting of this project funding from the Australian Learning & Teaching Council (now OLT, DEEWR) is evidence of the growing national awareness of the importance of WIL in Australian Higher Education.

The Project aims to provide an National evidence base for judging the impact of WIL on graduates' readiness to commence work. Project Leaders, Calvin Smith (Griffith), Sonia Ferns (Curtin) and Leoni Russell (Victoria University), have kicked off 2012 strongly, with help from the Project Manager (Patricia Cretchley) and enthusiastic engagement from the Project's 10 Partner Institutions.

Planning is underway for the commencement of data collection strategies for three sub-studies that constitute the Project, and a proposal to disseminate preliminary findings from one of these studies, is under consideration by the Conference Committee for ACEN, 2012.

For more information contact the Project Manager Patricia Cretchley [p.cretchley@griffith.edu.au](mailto:p.cretchley@griffith.edu.au)

## 11. ACEN Conference

### ACEN Research Symposium

**Preceding the ACEN Conference, 29 October 2012**

Designed for those people already engaged in researching aspects of work integrated learning, the symposium will develop research proposals for the future.

### Conference keynotes announced

The conference organisers are delighted to announce the following people have agreed to be keynote speakers at the conference:

- Ruth Wallace, Director, Social Partnership in Learning Research Consortium (SPIL) from Charles Darwin University
- Professor Beverley Oliver, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning Futures) from Deakin University
- Michael Malouf, Managing Director of Barwon Water.

### Call for papers extended

The call for papers has been extended to 2 March 2012. There's still time to submit something about your passion, research or hobby-horse.

Submit your paper online



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industry, community, government representatives and students.



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