

Denis Cullity Research Fellowship

See below for General Information, Budgets, Other Considerations, Conditions and Contact Information.

Mr Denis Cullity AO CMG BSc

Denis Cullity is a distinguished member of the timber industry and of the broader community, particularly in Western Australia. The Denis Cullity Research Fellowship is given in recognition of his contributions to the Australian forest and forest products industries over a long period.

He was chairman and Chief Executive of Wesfi Ltd from 1971-1996, having built the company from a family timber company to one of the largest wood panel producers in the southern hemisphere, having started his career working with CSIRO, after receiving a science degree from the University of Western Australia

This ability to keep at the leading edge of technology has contributed to his success in the timber industry, and to his appointment (and reappointment for a second term) as the Chairman of the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation from 1994 - 2000.

In 1996 he chaired the International Conference on Certification and Labelling of Products from Sustainably Managed Forests, held in Brisbane, highlighting his commitment to the need for sustainable and environmentally responsible forest management not only in Australia, but internationally. If you do not have a quality, sustainably produced and renewable raw material, the room for growth and expansion of an industry is limited.

Outside the timber industry Denis's talents have also been put to good use, with a string of Directorships of organisations such as the Bank of Western Australia, the Australian Industry Development Corporation, Ampol Exploration, and the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust as well as Chairman of Swan Television and Radio Broadcasters. He was also a long serving Trustee of the Gottstein Memorial Trust.

In recognition of his major contributions to the timber industry and the community he has been awarded the Companion of St Michael and St George in 1981 and the Officer of the Order of Australia in 1993.

General Information

Eligibility

Fellowships are available to Australian scientists working in areas directly related to the forest and forest products industry. They are only tenable in a country outside Australia.

Number of Fellowships

Up to 2 fellowships will be awarded per annum.

Type of Fellowship

The Denis Cullity Fellowship is of 3-12 months duration and where the fellow is actively engaged in a research project that increases the skills and capability of the fellow and /or provides direct benefit to the science and technology base of the Australian forest and forest product industry. Fellowships do not support postgraduate study.

Fellows are required to disseminate the results of their activities through a Final Report to the FWPA and may be requested to speak to industry groups or meet with other interested parties on their return to Australia.

Applications

The applications should cover Items 1 to 14 in one to two (maximum three) pages, with Item 15 covering no more than one additional page.

1. Applicant:
2. Position / affiliation / address:
3. Total funds sought:
4. Fellowship duration / location / timing:
5. Host institution:
6. Project title:
7. Project objectives:
8. Project relevance to FWPA priorities:
9. Background to and significance of project:
10. Project outline:
11. Applicants expected contribution:
12. Expected outcomes:
13. Anticipated benefits:
14. Visits, seminars and academic / industry interactions:
15. Proposed budget (including international and domestic travel, accommodation and other expenses**):

to which is attached a two (maximum three) page Curriculum Vitae covering:

1. Name and address:
2. Date of birth and location:
3. Educational history:

4. Professional positions:
5. Professional organisations:
6. Summary of applicant's honours, awards and achievements:
7. Research skills and activities relevant to project:
8. Optional, letters of support (only from interested parties outside the applicant's institution):

Please note that a list of applicant's publications is not required.

** Salary costs are not normally reimbursable through Denis Cullity Fellowships.

Closing Date

Nominations for the Denis Cullity Fellowship close on **31st August** 2008.

Selection Procedure

Selection is made by the FWPA via a Selection Committee.

Other Considerations

Taxation

Generally gratuities payable under Denis Cullity Fellowships are non assessable under Australian tax law.

Compensation

It is the responsibility of Fellows to ensure that they are adequately covered for workers compensation purposes by their home organisation, or to arrange appropriate cover. Reasonable costs of a suitable compensation cover may be reimbursed by FWPA.

Medical insurance

Applicants should arrange insurance to provide cover to at least the standards of reimbursement for medical and hospital services provided to Australian citizens through national Medicare cover. Reasonable costs of such insurance maybe reimbursed by the FWPA if Australia does not have reciprocal arrangements with the host country.

Budgets

Budgets for Fellows will be considered by the Selection Committee on an item by item basis. In preparing them, the following guidelines should be used:

Travel from and to Australia

Fellows will be given economy-class return air fares between Australia and

the host country/institution by the most direct route. The cost of relevant economy- class home country travel will be reimbursed. Consideration will be given to assistance for economy-class family travel costs for Fellowships of six (6) months or longer.

Honorarium

In certain circumstances, an honorarium may be payable. The level of any honorarium will, however, depend on the level of salary support the Fellow will be receiving from other sources.

Rental allowance

Fellows will be eligible to receive a rental allowance based on relevant in country rates

Operating funds

Budgets should include provision for operating funds sufficient to ensure the successful completion of the Fellow's proposed work, but bench expenses and equipment purchases will not be met from the Denis Cullity Fellowship

Reports

Fellows are required to submit a report at the end of the Fellowship period. Thirty percent of the total funding will be with held until completion of a satisfactory report. The report should include:

- a statement on the implications of the research undertaken;
- an assessment of the state of the Fellow's field of research in Australia; further research which may be needed; and opportunities for collaboration; and
- a summary of visits, seminars and meetings with industry groups.

Acknowledgment of FWPA in publications

Acknowledgment of FWPA and the Denis Cullity Fellowship award should be made when a Fellow submits for publication any manuscript embodying results of research undertaken in the course of the Fellowship.

Receipt of other financial assistance

Fellows are encouraged to obtain additional financial support from other sources such as their 'home' organisation or other Australian funding bodies. The FWPA should be informed of any obligation imposed on the Fellow by the other funding bodies and any conflict of interest that may result. The FWPA reserves the right to terminate the Fellowship where it becomes evident that a conflict of interest may arise.

Vacations, breaks in Fellowship and other absences

The whole of a Fellow's time should be devoted to the agreed work of the Fellowship except for any breaks approved by the Selection Committee. If a Fellow is absent from work continuously for more than one week because of illness, a medical certificate covering the period of absence must be provided to FWPA. If such absence continues for more than four (4) weeks, the FWPA will consider what effect, if any, it will have on the Fellowship.

Premature cessation of Fellowship

The FWPA must be informed immediately if a Fellow wishes to cease work under the Fellowship before the agreed expiry date. Any honorarium and other assistance will cease from the date on which a Fellow discontinues work. The Fellow will be required to refund to the FWPA any money paid in respect of the unexpired portion of the Fellowship.

Termination of a Fellowship by FWPA

The FWPA may terminate a Fellowship at any time if it is not satisfied that the Fellow has complied with the conditions above and amendments to these conditions as and when advised.

Additional Information

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