

## **GUIDELINES for The Bob and Margaret Frater Scholarship**

### **OVERVIEW**

Australian Catholic University (ACU National) is pleased to invite applications for the Bob and Margaret Frater Scholarship which was established as a result of a generous donation from Dr Bob Frater AO and Mrs Margaret Frater DSG.

Bob and Margaret Frater have sought to recognise and reward eligible teachers within the NSW or ACT Catholic systemic primary school system who display leadership qualities and commitment and whom it is thought will contribute to the continuing development and enhancement of the school system.

The scholarship supports an overseas activity, for example, a suitable conference combined with meeting appropriate colleagues in the educational field. A conference only or a short course/study tour/activity may also be considered.

### **GUIDELINES**

Applicants should keep these guidelines for future reference.

#### **Information regarding supporting agencies**

In order for the scholarship application to be considered, it should be endorsed by the relevant agency with acknowledgement by the agency that some financial assistance is required. This would mean that the agency would have to meet the recipient's salary (including the relevant super contribution), as well as that of a relief teacher during the period of the scholarship winner's absence. The length of absence from duties should be negotiated between the applicant/recipient, especially if it is for an extended period. The applicant must attach a statement from their agency with their application.

#### **Information for Applicants**

##### **1. Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- be a graduate of ACU National (or one of its predecessor colleges) working in the teaching profession in a NSW or ACT Catholic systemic primary school;
- show evidence of postgraduate study (either completed or currently being undertaken) – a postgraduate degree from ACU National or current enrolment in a postgraduate course at ACU National would be an advantage but is not essential;
- have demonstrated leadership in schools;
- display a commitment to using their qualifications to work for the betterment of the educational community;
- show evidence of acceptance into a conference/activity/course - this must accompany the application.

##### **2. Benefits**

- 2.1** There is provision for a scholarship to be awarded each year to a total value of approximately \$10,000. Depending on the applications, the Selection Committee may decide not to make an award, make one award or to award two scholarships in one year (approximately, \$5,000 each).
- 2.2** The value of each scholarship will be determined by:
  - The quality and nature of the applications submitted;
  - The anticipated costs of the conference/activity/course.

### 3. Conditions

After completion of the overseas period, it is required that the recipient/s make a presentation to their cohort outlining the achievements and benefits gained from having had the overseas experience. Bob and Margaret Frater will be invited to attend this function.

### 4. Required documents

The completed Application Form must be accompanied by:

4.1 A **concise** report that provides the following information:

- Details demonstrating your leadership ability including one example of your *Best Practice* in leadership in your school; (500 words);
- What you believe to be your strengths as a leader in your school. (200 words).

4.2 A one-page outline showing your commitment to Catholic primary education, and evidence of how you have worked for the betterment of the educational community.

4.3 Evidence that you have been accepted into the conference/ activity/course including a budget estimate for the total cost of the proposed conference/activity/course including airfares, conference/ activity/course fees and accommodation. Your budget should also show funds acquired from all sources, either institutional or private.

4.4 Two references: one academic reference and one professional reference.

- A senior academic staff member who is familiar with your most recent academic work and is able to comment on your academic achievements should provide the **academic reference**.
- The **professional reference** should be from the Catholic school community (eg school principal, regional supervisor) including comments on your leadership qualities, any extra-curricular activities within the educational community as well as your personal qualities.
- Contact details must be provided for referees, i.e. phone, email address and fax.

4.5 Statement of support from relevant agency indicating that the agency, should the application be successful, agrees to meet the recipient's salary (including the relevant super contribution), as well as that of a relief teacher during the period of the scholarship winner's absence.

### 5. Application Procedure

The Bob and Margaret Frater Scholarship Application must be completed and lodged as follows: The Co-ordinator, Australian Catholic University Foundation, PO Box 968, North Sydney 2059 by **5:00 pm Friday, 18 May 2007**.

The Application Form and Scholarship Guidelines are available from:

- The Co-ordinator, Australian Catholic University Foundation, PO Box 968, North Sydney 2059. Telephone: (02) 9739 2951 or Email: [foundation@acu.edu.au](mailto:foundation@acu.edu.au)
- ACU National website **[www.acu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.acu.edu.au/scholarships)**.
- Catholic Education Offices in NSW & ACT.

Applicants should be advised early in May if they have been short-listed for an interview. It is anticipated that these interviews will be held in May and that the successful applicant/s will be notified by mid-June. The scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of the Bob and Margaret Frater Scholarship Selection Committee.