

GCCEC Linkage Grant Program

\$5,000 Professional Development Award

Application Guidelines

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) has initiated the Linkage Grant Program to assist in the professional and personal development of individuals by funding their attendance at a national or international conference in their chosen field of endeavour. The grant covers travel, accommodation and registration expenses to the maximum value of the award.

Such an opportunity allows the individual to travel, broaden their knowledge and experience and link with international colleagues within their profession. This is not only of personal benefit, but professionally for the recipient, their university or association and the wider Gold Coast Community.

To be eligible to win a GCCEC Linkage Grant simply research an international conference that has the potential to be held at the GCCEC and follow the application guidelines and criteria provided.

Applications close Friday 31 March, 2017

Contact the **GCCEC Linkage Grant Team**

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Part B

Application Questions

Prior to addressing the Application Questions, please ensure you have provided an application form to the GCCEC and received pre approval that your chosen conference is suitable for entry.

1. Tell us about yourself, your education, current role and any research you are currently undertaking (maximum 300 words)

- Professional associations you are a member of
- Number of years in your chosen field / profession

2. Tell us about your association (local/national) What is your role with them, and any key achievements or highlights to date (maximum 250 words)

- Provide information on the professional association that is affiliated to the international organisation responsible for running the conference you plan to attend.

3. Research the international affiliate organisation and its' meeting history. Include the associations' international headquarters, meeting history delegate numbers and bid criteria referring to how destinations are chosen to host the conference. (maximum 500 words)

- Using this information as a base, develop a case for influencing the association to hold the conference on the Gold Coast.

4. Detail how you would use the \$5,000 grant if awarded and how you and your association would benefit. (maximum 200 words)

- The funding is to be used to attend an international conference for your professional development and to explore the possibilities of an Australian organisation bidding for the conference to be held on the Gold Coast.

5. Have you received approval to apply for a Linkage Grant?

- Please include contact details for 2 professional references, including your line manager (where applicable) to attest to your connections and suitability for the program.

6. Interview.

- Short listed applicants will be required to discuss the application with the judging panel in a 20 minute interview.