



Australian Acoustical Society Queensland Division

ACOUSTICS AWARDS 2016

THE AWARDS

The Australian Acoustical Society, Queensland Division conducts an educational awards program to encourage and support acoustical education and research in Queensland. Applications are sought from interested students for the 2016 Acoustics Awards. The awards are open to tertiary students studying full or part time at a university in Queensland, in subjects relevant to the field of acoustics. The awards are granted at the discretion of the Queensland Division Awards Committee.

THE SOCIETY

The Australian Acoustical Society is a learned society formed in 1971 to advance the science and practice of acoustics. Members practise or study acoustics in areas such as architectural acoustics, engineering noise and vibration control, underwater acoustics, bioacoustics, ultrasonics, environmental and occupational noise and vibration, acoustic and vibration transducers, speech communication, hearing and speech physiology, audiology and music acoustics.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Category 1: Research Projects

Two bursaries of **\$2000** are offered for proposed 4th year undergraduate or 1st year postgraduate acoustical research projects.

- **The Acoustic Bursary** is awarded for academic research projects conducted under the auspices of and using the facilities of the university concerned (*submissions have closed*).
- **The RJ Hooker Bursary** is awarded for research projects conducted with substantial industrial participation. This may take the form of a “professional placement” or it may be through the use of acoustical test facilities in industry for purposes critical to project outcomes. Where “professional placement” is involved, applicants will need to work full or part-time in industry, with the experience, project work and report counted towards their overall academic assessment.

Awardees, who have a paper accepted for presentation at **ACOUSTICS 2016**, Brisbane, 9 – 11 November 2016, will receive complimentary conference registration as a student delegate. Those unable to attend ACOUSTICS 2016, but who have a paper accepted at ACOUSTICS 2017 (or at another conference sponsored by the Society, in either year) are eligible for a further grant of up to **\$320**, as a contribution towards their conference registration.

Category 2: Course Work

A book prize of **\$200** will be awarded to the most outstanding student in the acoustics component of an undergraduate or 1st year postgraduate degree subject.

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Category 3: Travel Bursaries - The Colin G Speakman Travel Bursaries provide student grants towards the presentation of acoustic research at conferences (refer separate flyers).

HOW TO APPLY (Categories 1 and 2)

Category 1: Research Projects

A The Acoustic Bursary (submissions for 2016 have closed)

B The RJ Hooker Bursary

The RJ Hooker Bursary is awarded for research projects conducted with substantial industrial participation. This may take the form of a “professional placement” or it may be through the use of acoustical test facilities¹ in industry for purposes critical to project outcomes.

1. A Project Proposal should be submitted as follows:

- (a) The project proposal should be a typed submission of not less than 600 words and not exceeding 1200 words. Diagrams or figures may accompany the submission.
- (b) The submission shall clearly state:
 - i The *Title* of the proposed project;
 - ii Name(s) and contact addresses for the applicant(s);
 - iii The names and contact addresses of the project supervisors (industrial and academic) and the industrial sponsor²;
 - iv The professional placement program in the context of which the proposed project will be undertaken²; or
 - v The nature and location of the acoustical test facilities offered by industry, for project purposes and the use to which they are to be put⁴.
 - vi The *Timing* of the proposed project⁵; (5%)
 - vii The *Aim and Objectives* of the proposed project⁶; (10%)
 - viii Proposed *Methodology*⁷; (15%)
 - ix *Innovations* expected to be demonstrated in the project⁸. (15%)
 - x The *Value and Practical Application* of the project to acoustics⁹. (35%)

The numbers in brackets reflect the nominal component weighting's used in assessing submissions. In addition to the above, a nominal component weighting of 20% will be assigned to *clarity of content and general presentation*.

Where the work is part of an ongoing project, the submission will be assessed solely on the basis of those project components to which the current proposal relates.

2. Submissions shall be made through the responsible supervisor who will first review the submissions for their worthiness prior to forwarding to the Awards Committee.
3. Submissions close **5.00 pm, Friday, 26 August 2016**.
4. The Awards Committee will review the submissions and select the most outstanding proposal.
 - (a) Where there are several suitable submissions, the Committee, at its discretion, may elect to split the Bursary.
 - (b) Where no proposal fully satisfies the criteria described in 1(b), but where a project is considered to be otherwise worthy of support, the Committee, at its discretion, may award the Bursary. However in such circumstances, the amount of the award may be reduced.

In all such cases, the decision of the Awards Committee shall be final.



5. Awardees are expected to make a short (20 - 30 minute) presentation of the results at project completion (or if part of a postgraduate program at a suitable point in the overall project). Presentations are normally made at a Division Technical Meeting during the following year.

NOTES:

1. For purposes of this award, "acoustical test facilities" include dedicated test facilities such as anechoic or reverberation rooms, transmission-loss suites, in-duct insertion loss test rigs and the like. Acoustical test facilities may also include, equipment and instrumentation suitable for field measurement of acoustical or vibration parameters, provided that:
 - (a) provision of access to such equipment and instrumentation is necessary to the achievement of the research aims and objectives; and,
 - (b) field work involving the use of such items is also necessary to the research and is likely to comprise a substantial part of the overall acoustical experience generated by the project.
2. (a) Contact details shall include the applicant's address for written correspondence (c/o the relevant school office is sufficient) and student email address (i.e. email contact address at the university).
 Where the project would involve more than one applicant, the submission must make clear the role and responsibility of each in relation to the overall project.
 - (b) Contact details shall include supervisors' addresses (postal and email) and phone numbers.
 Projects which are eligible for this award must involve an industrial and an academic supervisor. The submission shall state their roles and responsibilities.
 The industrial supervisor will normally be a staff member of the industrial organisation sponsoring the professional placement or providing acoustical test facilities. The academic supervisor shall be a member of the faculty under whose auspices the project is to be undertaken. For other supervisors (e.g. industrial or academic supervisors external to the organisations immediately involved) affiliations shall be stated.
3. It is envisaged that projects conducted within the framework of programs such as University of Queensland's Professional Engineering Placement Scholarship (PEPS), the CEED scheme and Griffith University's Environmental Engineering Industry Program (EIP), would be suitable.
4. Details should include:
 - (a) A full description of the facilities, including associated test instrumentation as relevant;
 - (b) The proposed project purpose for which the facilities are required.
 - (c) Their location:
 - i for fixed facilities, postal and street address;
 - ii where field equipment and instrumentation is involved, the project submission should include details of the test area(s), location(s) or situation(s) in which these are to be used.

N.B. When in receipt of an application involving use of such test facilities, the Committee may require additional evidence to be provided (including for example, an inspection) in order to ascertain that the facilities offered are appropriate for the proposed use.
5. Projects should be structured so that the work can be completed within the award period (normally one year). (See Note 6).
6. If the submission relates to a postgraduate project or part thereof, the submission should clearly define the objectives and scope of the project within the overall research program. (NB: the award will normally be granted only for those project components to be undertaken during the first year of a postgraduate program).
7. Where existing methodologies are to be used, these should be nominated. Areas where the project is likely to require development of new methods and techniques should be described.
8. Projects will be judged on their originality and their potential to require practical innovation on the part of the applicant(s).



NOTES (continued):

9. The value of the project to acoustics will be assessed based on factors such as the likelihood of:
- successful completion within the nominated timeframe;
 - practical application of the research outcomes (including in an ongoing research program);
 - publication in recognised acoustic fora. (For example, at the annual conference of the Australian Acoustical Society, in other conference proceedings, in Acoustics Australia or other journal of record).
- Favourable consideration will be given to projects which involve ongoing practical collaboration between industry and the university concerned.

Category 2: Course Work

1. The Category 2 Bursary (the “book prize”), is awarded only for work conducted in academic courses/subjects at undergraduate or 1st year postgraduate level, which have a substantial physical acoustics component and which are part of a recognised degree program.
2. The Award will be made:
 - (a) to the student achieving the highest academic results in the relevant subject¹; or
 - (b) on the basis that an acoustics/noise project report prepared by the student and submitted by their supervisor, was in competitive review of a short-list of such reports, considered to be the most outstanding².
3. Four courses are supported for purposes of the Category 2 Bursary:
 - (a) MECH3250 *Engineering Acoustics* at the University of Queensland;
 - (b) ENB314 *Industrial Noise and Vibrations* at Queensland University of Technology;
 - (c) AUDL7800 *Acoustics and Psychoacoustics* at the University of Queensland;
 - (d) ME3511 *Dynamics and Acoustics* at James Cook University.

The intent of the Division is to extend the Category 2 Bursary to all relevant courses in acoustics at universities in Queensland. If you believe that your institution conducts a course which may meet the requirements for this Award, please contact the Awards Secretary.

NOTES:

1. The Award will be presented upon release of the exam/assessment results for that subject.
2. Where the Award is to be made on this basis:
 - (a) The relevant project report must be a standard component of the overall curriculum and assessment requirements for the relevant subject and must be referred to as such in course descriptions published by the institution concerned.
 - (b) While project reports may sometimes be prepared as a joint effort of several students, for purposes of these awards, reports involving more than two authors will not be considered.
 - (c) The course convenor shall first review the project reports for their worthiness and prepare a short list of suitable candidates prior to forwarding the material to the Awards Secretary. A short list of three (maximum of five) reports will normally be considered. The Awards Committee will review the relevant reports and select the most outstanding.
 - (d) In all cases, the decision of the Awards Committee shall be final.
 - (e) AAS Queensland Division will retain in confidence, a copy of the winning report. At its discretion, it may retain copies of the other reports, where this is the case, the course convenor and relevant applicants will be notified formally.



ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Submissions should be forwarded to:

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