

Anne Penfold Street Awards

A potential major obstacle for academics when travelling for conferences or research visits is to ensure that their family responsibilities are taken care of while they are away.

The Australian Mathematical Society WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Awards provide additional financial support to Australian mathematicians for their caring responsibilities, while they travel for conferences or research visits to collaborators, with approximately four Awards awarded annually. The potential uses of these Awards include, but are not limited to, short-term childcare or professional carers for elderly relatives.

These Awards are open to (i) individuals studying/working/living in Australia, regardless of gender, or (ii) members of organising committees for mathematics/statistics conferences to be held in Australia.

The WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Awards are funded by the Australian Mathematical Society and are an initiative of the AustMS Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group (WIMSIG), which administers them. Awards are determined on a competitive basis by a selection committee of distinguished mathematicians appointed by the Executive Committee of WIMSIG.

There are two rounds of the Street Awards per year, with closing dates 1 April and 1 October each year. Applications, using the form overleaf and accompanied by a CV and other supporting documentation as detailed below, should be sent to the Selection Committee via the email address office@austms.org.au.

The Award is named after Professor Anne Penfold Street AM (11 October 1932– 28 December 2016), in recognition of her contributions to the advancement of knowledge across the broader mathematical community. Professor Street was appointed Professor of Mathematics at the University of Queensland in 1985. She was the third woman appointed to a mathematics professorship in Australia, after Hanna Neumann, ANU 1964, and Cheryl Praeger, UWA 1983.

Her significant service to science education in the field of mathematics was recognised through her appointment as a member of the Order of Australia in 2014, and by the 1994 Bernhard H. Neumann Award for excellence in mathematics enrichment. She published over 100 journal articles and six research monographs and texts, mainly in discrete mathematics and combinatorics.

Professor Street supervised 11 PhD and Research MSc students, including four women. She married Professor Norman Street, and together, they provided a strong family environment for their two children, Professor Deborah Street and Professor Anthony Street.

Award Rules

1. The WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Awards scheme provides full or partial financial support for care providers and/or facilities to (i) individuals while they travel for conferences or research visits to collaborators, (ii) organising committees of conferences being held in Australia.
2. Eligibility: Applicants must either (a) hold a PhD (or equivalent) in the mathematical sciences and have a work address (or home address in the case of an applicant who is not currently employed) in Australia, or (b) be studying in a PhD program in the mathematical sciences at an Australian university. They must also have been members of the Australian Mathematical Society for at least twelve months at the time of application. (Backdating of membership to the previous year is not sufficient.) Excepting for conference organisers, an applicant can receive at most one WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Award in any two-year period. Travel funding from other sources does not make an applicant ineligible.
3. Awards to individuals will be based on the benefit of the proposed travel to the applicant's research program and on whether the applicant will give a talk. Awards to conference organising committees will be based on the benefit of the proposed facilities to conference attendees, and the size and duration of the conference. In either case the level of visibility of women at a conference will also be considered and the Selection Committee reserves the right to consult with appropriate assessors.
4. Each year there will be two rounds of the selection process, with closing dates on 1 April and on 1 October. Applications must be sent via email to streetawards@austms.org.au. Applications must be submitted for either of the two rounds prior to the planned travel/conference or that immediately following the travel/conference. No application will be assessed outside of a funding round. Normally applicants will receive notification of the outcome within 45 days of the close of the round.
5. Applications should consist of (a) a current CV (at most three pages); and (b) the completed application form, including an explanation (one to two paragraphs is enough) of the purpose of the proposed trip/conference, how it will advance the research of the applicant or of those attending the conference (as appropriate), the nature of the care that is required, and a budget stating the cost of this care (which may exceed the total amount that can be granted).
6. For applications involving a conference, whether by individuals or conference organisers, the applicant should provide supporting documentation including where possible the URL of the conference website, evidence of conference registration(s), and evidence on the participation of women. Individual applicants should also provide a letter of invitation (email is sufficient), and confirmation of submission of an abstract.
7. In the case of a research visit, the applicant should arrange for a letter of support from the person they will visit, and a CV for that person, to be sent directly to the Selection Committee, care of streetawards@austms.org.au, by 1 April or 1 October. The letter should confirm that the writer agrees to the applicant's visit, at the proposed travel time.
8. In applying for a WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Award, applicants agree that their names can be published on the website and in the journals of the Society. Award recipients agree to submit a brief report to the Society within one month of completion of the travel, and that this report may be published in whole or in part in the Gazette of the Australian Mathematical Society and on the website and in other journals of the Society.

9. The Selection Committee of the AustMS Women in Mathematics Special Interest Group will make recommendations to the Chair of the WIMSIG Executive Committee on the award of the WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Awards. The Selection Committee will recommend the amount to be granted, up to a maximum of \$750, to each successful applicant.

10. The Society expects to award annually four or more WIMSIG Anne Penfold Street Awards. From time to time, the Society may change the maximum amount of each award and the available funding for the scheme.

Advice for Applicants

What are we looking for in a travel proposal?

An ideal travel proposal should (briefly!) address some of the following points:

- What I've been working on (areas of research)
- What I've done so far (contributions to the field, publication record)
- Why this conference is relevant/important/of high quality:
 - Who will attend?
 - What will they be talking about?
 - How does the subject matter connect to my field?
 - How will this conference help to advance my work?
- What will I do at the conference? (Are you giving a talk? Are you going to network with some specific attendees?)
- Who is the person I'm going to work with during this research visit? (How does their previous work relate to what you want to do? Why are they the right person?)
- What will I do after the conference or research visit? (Are you writing up papers from your talk? Are you following up with the connections that you will have established or reinforced?)
- Can I combine this with anything else? (Another conference? A research visit to someone nearby?)

Budget justification An ideal travel proposal should be:

- Clear
- Short (one-page maximum; nobody has the time these days)
- Reasonable and realistic in terms of the budget justifications; inclusive of all costs (that is, not truncated to the exact maximum amount of a potential grant)

Award Application

Name	
Email address	
Current institution or employee Or home address if not currently employed	
PhD institution & year Actual or expected	
<p>AustMS Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I declare that I am a current member of the Australian Mathematical Society and that have been a member for the last 12 months.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I agree that I will submit a report (at most one page) within one month of the completion of travel/the conference, to office@austms.org.au.</p> <p>Applicants for individual awards only: Y /N I will give talk during the proposed trip. If yes, give the talk title:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I declare that the support requested is additional to normal caring costs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I declare that, following enquiries, these caring costs cannot be obtained in full from my home institution nor from the conference/event organisers.</p>	
<p>Travel Proposal At most one page, including references.</p> <p>Briefly describe the purpose of the proposed travel/conference, and how it will advance your/attendees' research. Outline the nature of the care required. If applicable, describe the expected visibility of women at the conference. See also the Advice for Applicants document.</p> <p>Attach your Travel Proposal as a separate page.</p>	

Travel Budget

Provider of care	
Cost of care	
TOTAL REQUESTED (max \$750)	

Application Checklist

- Current CV attached (at most 3 pages)
- Proposal attached (at most one page).
- For conference travel: I have attached details of the conference website/invitation to participate/my conference registration/submission of talk abstract.
- For a research visit: I have arranged for a letter of support and a CV from the person I will visit to be sent directly to office@amstms.org.au.