



AustMS Accreditation

The secretary has announced the accreditation of:

- Professor K. A. SMITH-MILES of Deakin University, as an Accredited Fellow (FAustMS).

The ANZIAM/CSIRO student support scheme for attendance at the ANZIAM and special interest group conferences

The ANZIAM/CSIRO Student Support Scheme (SSS) is designed to provide funding to support conference travel and registration for students studying at universities in Australia and New Zealand, who wish to attend the ANZIAM conference or those of the special interest groups. The scheme will be funded by the annual sponsorship that has been provided to ANZIAM by CSIRO, together with any supplementary funding that the ANZIAM Executive may wish to vote.

The objectives of the SSS are to:

- help students attend conferences relevant to their interests
- emphasise the importance of students giving presentations about their work
- provide a first step educating students in ways of obtaining funding to help their research efforts.

In order to be eligible for funding, students will be required to present a talk at the conference. It is expected that students will have discussed their plans with their supervisors, and supervisor endorsement of applications is required.

If students are not already members of ANZIAM, they must join at the time of making their application. The committee may wish to give preference to students who are already members of ANZIAM and whose supervisors are members of ANZIAM, who will be attending the same conference.

Background

ANZIAM believes that all research students in applied mathematics should be encouraged to attend conferences and present their results on a regular basis. The benefits to both the students and the applied mathematics community in general that derive from students having the opportunity to receive feedback on their work and to network with both senior colleagues and other students are invaluable.

The SSS has been designed to help students attend conferences and also to give them a relatively painless initial experience in making applications for funding.

The SSS is based on the principle that students should provide a complete budget for their travel, registration and accommodation, attempt to obtain partial funding from other sources and request the gap between what they can obtain elsewhere and the total amount that they need from the SSS.

Budget and operation of the scheme

The ANZIAM Executive will allocate a budget to the scheme each year, which shall at least include the designated component of the CSIRO contribution.

A panel of three ANZIAM members, including a CSIRO representative, shall be constituted to make decisions on the applications. The panel will have discretion to make decisions on each application, taking into account the individual circumstances of the students involved. Overall the panel will be responsible for treating applications fairly according to the principles of the scheme and spreading the budget out equitably over each of the eligible conferences.

Further information, including deadlines for each of the eligible conferences and the application procedure will appear on the society's website (<http://austms.org.au>) shortly.