AustMS Special Interest Meeting Grants: call for applications

The Australian Mathematical Society sponsors Special Interest Meetings on specialist topics at diverse geographical locations around Australia. This activity is seen as a means of generating a stronger professional profile for the Society within the Australian mathematical community, and of stimulating better communication between mathematicians with similar interests who are scattered throughout the country.

These grants are intended for once-off meetings and not for regular meetings. Such meetings with a large student involvement are encouraged. If it is intended to hold regular meetings on a specific subject area, the organisers should consider forming a Special Interest Group of the Society. If there is widespread interest in a subject area, there is also the mechanism for forming a Division within the Society.

The rules governing the approval of grants are:

(a) each Special Interest Meeting must be clearly advertised as an activity supported by the Australian Mathematical Society;

(b) the organiser must be a member of the Society;

(c) the meeting must be open to all members of the Society;

(d) registration fees should be charged, with at least a 20% reduction for members of the Society. A further reduction should be made for members of the Society who pay the reduced rate subscription (i.e. research students, those not in full time employment and retired members);

(e) a financial statement must be submitted on completion of the Meeting;

(f) any profits up to the value of the grant are to be returned to the Australian Mathematical Society;

(g) on completion, a Meeting Report should be prepared, in a form suitable for publication in the Australian Mathematical Society *Gazette*, and sent to the Secretary;

(h) a list of those attending and a copy of the conference Proceedings (if applicable) must be submitted to the Society;

(i) only in exceptional circumstances will support be provided near the time of the Annual Conference for a Special Interest Meeting being held in another city.

In its consideration of applications, Council will take into account locations around Australia of the various mathematical meetings during the period in question. Preference will be given to Meetings of at least two days duration. The maximum allocation for any one Meeting will be $(1,000 + 150n)$ where n is the number of AustMS members registered for and attending the meeting, and with an upper limit of about \$5,000. A total of up to \$12,000 is available in 2008. There will

be six-monthly calls for applications for Special Interest Meeting Grants, each to cover a period of eighteen months commencing six months after consideration of applications. Please email Secretary@austms.org.au for an application form.

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