INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Quality Assurance for Professionals Scholarships

INQAAHE is delighted to inform its members that INQAAHE will be providing funds for qualified applicants from developing countries to enroll for a Graduate Certificate in Quality Assurance at The University of Melbourne.

The Program

Quality Assurance for Professionals is a one-year professionally-oriented graduate-level certificate intended to lead to internationally-trained expertise for people working in or interested in quality assurance or accreditation in higher education. It is suitable for staff and directors of accrediting, auditing and other quality assurance agencies, staff in higher education institutions, members of review panels and teams, government representatives, and others with responsibility for planning and development of higher education systems.

The core curriculum was developed by the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE) to train people for international recognition. It can be consulted online at: http://www.inqaahe.org/main/formulier/professional-development/qa-graduate-program-(qap)/166

It is offered by The University of Melbourne as a one-year, on-line certificate qualification: the Graduate Certificate in Quality Assurance (GCQA).

Participants in the Melbourne program can expect:

- Expert perspectives on the issues and challenges for tertiary education systems and institutions, with a particular emphasis on the role of quality assurance in a dynamic sector.
- Integrated learning via theory, case studies, moderated discussion boards, virtual teamwork, webinars and work-based assignments.
- A fully online program developed according to current state-of-the-art online teaching, supported by extensive program resources.
- Scope to choose assignments aligned with personal development and career aspirations.

The details of the program can be found online at: http://www.lhmartininstitute.edu.au/postgraduate-award-programs/74-graduate-certificate-in-quality-assurance-2013

Candidates for this program are expected to have:

- an undergraduate degree or equivalent
- at least two years of relevant experience
- current employment in the sector, and employer support to attend the program.

English language requirements

All applicants must meet the English language requirements of the University of Melbourne to be eligible for the program. These can be met in a number of ways, outlined at: http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/entry-requirements/language-requirements

The IELTS and TOEFL requirements are:

- IELTS (Academic English only): overall 7.0, with written 7.0 and no band less than 6.0.
- TOEFL (paper-based test): 600 + TWE 5.0
- TOEFL (computer-based test): 250 + 5.0 essay rating
- TOEFL (internet-based test): 100 + written score of 24 and no band less than 21.

The test must be taken no more than 24 months prior to application and the score must be achieved from a single test report.

Scholarship application closing date for a start in February 2015: Friday, 28 November 2014

Visit the LH Martin Institute website for application details: http://www.lhmartininstitute.edu.au/postgraduate-award-programs/74-graduate-certificate-in-quality-assurance-2013

Further information and Application Details

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Scholarships

INQAAHE, with the assistance of the World Bank and The University of Melbourne will offer **3 scholarships** in 2015 to support outstanding candidates from lesser developed or low income countries.

The scholarships are to the value of USD $5,000.
The 2014-2015 fee for the GCQA program is AUD $15,521.

Principal Criteria for Selection for the Award of a Scholarship:

−   citizen of and residence in a LDC or LIC (UNESCO categories)
−   evidence of strong relevant experience or interest,
−   commitment to the higher education sector and QA as evidenced by a letter of motivation,
−   potential for achievement in the field of quality assurance, and
−   if applicable, employer support, including commitment to enabling the student to devote sufficient time to study, evidenced through a letter. Academic and language requirements are as set out for the respective institutions.

Selection Process for the Award of a Scholarship:
Applicants should apply by **3 November 2014** to the INQAAHE secretariat (secretariat@inqaahe.org), providing evidence that they satisfy the academic, language, country and commitment requirements above, attaching a brief curriculum vitae, and setting out how they plan to use their studies to affect their professional work and the operation of their organisation.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants for the scholarships will be notified by **12 December 2014**

After this notification successful applicants will then have to apply for admission to the University of Melbourne following its admission processes.