Expressions of interest invited from members to be appointed to the AASW Accreditation Panel

November 2012

Applications close: Extended to Friday 1 February 2013

The AASW is seeking expressions of interest from members to be appointed to the AASW Accreditation Panel.

The accreditation panel is composed of association members who complete reaccreditation reviews of AASW accredited social work qualifications. Members work in teams to review accredited qualifications. Experienced accreditation panel members may be invited to chair a review or to act as consultants to Higher Education providers establishing new social work courses or programs.

Role of Accreditation Panel members
Accreditation Panel members work as teams to review AASW Accredited social work qualifications against the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards and make a recommendation to the AASW Board of Directors regarding the reaccreditation of social work programs.

Members will meet periodically (usually by teleconference) as a panel for training (as required); to share experiences and knowledge; to contribute to shared expertise and develop practice in accreditation activities.

For further information about AASW Accreditation and the role of the Accreditation Panel please see the Australian Social Work Education and Accreditation Standards (ASWEAS_2012) and accompanying Guidelines.

Attendance and tenure
Accreditation Panel members will be available for at least one review per year. Participation as a member of a review team for a review will require travel (average 3 days). Attendance is also expected at teleconferences and annual training.

Appointment to the accreditation panel is subject to Board approval and is initially for a period of three years. Members of the panel may reapply, by submitting updated curriculum vitae, and may be reappointed thereafter every three years

Remuneration and expenses
Accreditation panel members receive an honorarium payment in recognition of their contribution. Additionally all reasonable expenses related to review activities are met by the Higher Education Provider. Payments are made 30 days after invoice date for honorariums.
Eligibility
- Accredited member of the AASW (CPD Accredited in 2012/13, CPD Advanced Accredited from 2013/14 onwards
- A minimum of seven years experience since qualification

Selection Criteria

AASW
- Able to represent the Association
- Demonstrated contribution to the profession
- Availability for minimum one review per year
- Accreditation Panel members must have an individual ABN (i.e. payment has to go to the individual, not a third party), in order to be covered by the AASW insurance policy.

Experience and Knowledge
- Strong understanding of current context and challenges of the higher education sector
- Strong understanding of relevant educational philosophies, and teaching and learning strategies
- Experience in curriculum development
- Experience as a field educator of students

Skills
- Strong negotiation and conflict management
- Exceptional research and analysis skills
- Ability to work effectively in a team
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to interpret, assess and apply the education standards consistently across a range of different program settings

Applications
Enquiries to: Mark Crossley, National Education Officer. education@aasw.asn.au (02) 6232 3909

Email Expressions of Interest to education@aasw.asn.au

Applications should include;
- Statement addressing eligibility and selection criteria;
- Resume/CV including statement of professional qualifications;
- Names and contact details of two referees;
- Any potential perceived conflicts of interest should be declared.

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