TO: T&L Committee  
RE: BURT Funding - Annual Report

**Bachelor of Philosophy Undergraduate Research Training (BURT)**

In 2012, UWA commenced a new degree program, the Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil). The degree provides research training to 42 of Western Australia’s highest achieving school leavers. The only unit offered for credit with the first year of the degree is offered in semester one. It contains a summer residence, guest lectures and a *Bphil undergraduate research training unit (BURT)*.

The primary aim of BURT is to introduce the students to the basics of academic research and help them to develop skills and attitudes and ways of thinking like researchers, components that are transferable to discipline-specific contexts. With their peers, they practice and develop team-based and project management skills to carry out and complete a research project involving the vital steps of planning, data collection and analysis, and reporting of their findings in both written and oral formats.

**Funding**

The UWA, T&L committee made available $5000 for staff salaries to pay for the development and remodeling of the BURT program.

BURT was modeled on the successful Undergraduate Learning and Teaching Research Internship Scheme (ULTRIS) conducted in 2009 and 2010.

The fundamental differences between ULTRIS and BURT are:

- 42 students in Burt compared with 15 students in ULTRIS
- School leavers in Burt compared with 2nd, 3rd or older students in ULTRIS
- Group work in Burt compared with individual projects in ULTRIS
- Unit for credit in BURT compared with a co-curricular activity for ULTRIS
- Unit regulations abided by in BURT compared with no unit regulations in ULTRIS.
  - Eg structured assessment in BURT, with moderation and unit rules. No assessment in ULTRIS

**Request for Funding for 2013**

$5000 for ongoing evaluation and development of BURT.

Kind regards

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TO: T&L Committee
RE: OLT Seeding Grants - Annual Report

**OLT Seed grants funding**

UWA, is offering two rounds of seeding grants (Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT) Seed funding grants) in 2012. The closing date for round one was April the 5th. Round two grants close in August 2012. The grants are available to provide funding to staff intending to apply for an OLT national grant (Innovation and Development, Strategic Priorities, Seed projects, Leadership, Extension Grants or Special Initiatives grants) within the following 18 months.

The seed funding will enable staff to be more competitive in applying for OLT grants. Examples of potential areas for seeding grants are: to identify whether a project idea is sustainable as an OLT grant, to complete a literature review, to complete a scoping exercise, etc. Applicants must consider evaluation and dissemination processes when they complete their grant and present a final report. The seeding funds may be used to develop a robust evaluation process for inclusion within the OLT application.

Successful seed funding grant applicants will be expected to communicate with the Educational Strategies Office during the period of the grant, concerning progress towards a national OLT grant application.

**2012 - Round One, successful applications.**

Three applications were selected for Seeding grants in the first round of 2012. The successful applicant, school, project title and amount awarded are displayed in the table below.

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<th>Assoc-Professor Kellie Bennett</th>
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<th>Patient feedback to promote empathy in dental students: an educational intervention</th>
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<td>Science Teaching Office</td>
<td>Multifaceted Approach to Learning</td>
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<td>Professor Sirimon Treepongkaruna</td>
<td>UWA Business School</td>
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Surplus grant money will be rolled over to round two.
Request for grant funding for 2013

We wish to request $50,000 for two rounds of grants for 2013. The seeding grants provide a pathway to national OLT grant applications. In addition, the projects are of significant benefit to Teaching and Learning at UWA.

Kind regards

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