**Background**

Four principal objectives of ASTEN are to:

1. Encourage cooperation among science and technology centres, museums and other organisations which use an interactive approach to further the public understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM),
2. Encourage and facilitate the creation or exchange of interactive exhibits, exhibitions, programs and partnerships between member organisations,
3. Share information on the wide range of activities of member organisations, and
4. Support the professional development of people in Australia and New Zealand around informal STEM engagement and the display and communication of STEM exhibits.

To support these objectives, ASTEN encourages the movement of Member personnel around Member organisations for short term professional development and networking purposes.

**Professional Development Fellowships**

In order to support staff from member institutions who may otherwise not have the opportunity to gain professional development away from their home institution, ASTEN offers two PD Fellowships to be undertaken before December 2018. Each Fellowship provides up to AUD$2000 to support staff of an ASTEN member institution (see list below) towards a project which involves travel to another science centre or museum for a minimum stay of five days. The sending and receiving institutions will agree to provide support ranging from continued salary to additional assistance.

Preference is given to applicants who have limited opportunities to meet professional science centre staff from other organisations.

To be competitive, a project proposal will have a clear focus and demonstrate how it will benefit not only the recipient but also ASTEN and its member organisations. Possible projects might include learning about marketing strategies at another centre, working with a staff member at another centre to co-develop a new public program, or sharing exhibit ideas with designers and workshop staff.

Fellowship recipients are required to submit a report for publication on the ASTEN website ([www.astenetwork.net](http://www.astenetwork.net)).

These fellowships are open only to member institutions, and applicants will need to demonstrate the benefit to themselves in their role within the institution and must have the approval of their Director/Manager and the receiving institution.

ASTEN Professional Development Fellowships are not for travel to an ASTEN Meeting. Applicants seeking support to attend the ASTEN Meeting should apply using the ASTEN Travel Fellowships form.

**Application Form**

Overleaf is an application form that should be received by the ASTEN President, Stuart Creal ([screal@uow.edu.au](mailto:screal@uow.edu.au)) by not later than **Friday, 4 May 2018**.

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# ASTEN PD Fellowship Application (to be undertaken in 2018)

**Applicant**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_

Address

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone

**Sending Institution**

Address \_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_

Amount sought $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (AUD/NZD)

**Receiving Institution**

Address \_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_

### This application is supported by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### (Name and signature of Sending Institution Director/CEO)

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### (Name and signature of Receiving Institution Director/CEO)

Following is a list of ASTEN Members as at December 2017:

**Australia**

Australian Museum

Australian National Maritime Museum

Central Highlands Science Centre

CSIRO Education

Discovery Science and Technology Centre

Exhibition Studios

Melbourne Museum Exhibitions

MOD.

Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences

Newcastle Museum

Museum of Human Disease

Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery

Queensland Museum and Science Centre

Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre

Science Centre and Planetarium

Scienceworks Museum

Scitech

Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery

TwistEd

UNE Discovery

GeoScience Australia

**New Zealand**

Interactive Science Exhibits

National Science Technology Roadshow Trust

Otago Museum / Discovery World

Te Manawa Museums Trust

MOTAT (Museum of Transport & Technology)

Science Alive!

## Proposal Outline

Concise statement of what you propose to pursue/study/ investigate/learn while on this experience and why the receiving institution will be able to assist with this.

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**Use of ASTEN Funds**

The planned use of ASTEN funds should be indicated (e.g. airfares, accommodation, living expenses)

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**Sharing Outcomes**

The ways in which you plan to share the outcomes of the PD Fellowship with other ASTEN member organisations

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## Previous Support

Details of any previous opportunities for professional enrichment in STEM and details of ASTEN Travel Fellowships and Professional Developments Fellowships received by your institution received in the past five years.

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