



# 2011 *Rising Star Scholarship*

The 2011 Rising Star Scholarship is an excellent opportunity to gain financial assistance for your graduate or postgraduate education. All it takes is a well researched essay on an issue affecting the planning and design of our environment.

## about the scholarship



The WPN Rising Star scholarship is sponsored by **hansen partnership pty ltd**, an award winning consultancy offering services in urban planning, urban design and landscape architecture in Australia and overseas. [www.hansen-online.com.au](http://www.hansen-online.com.au)

The scholarship is open to all male and female **local and international** students

- entering into their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of undergraduate studies, or
- undertaking postgraduate studies

in a Victorian tertiary institution in any of the following areas of study and who are not the recipients of any other scholarship:

- Town Planning
- Urban Design
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Geography
- Social Sciences
- Property Development and Management

**the scholarship provides financial assistance (\$5,500) towards the fees of the successful student for the forthcoming year of his or her studies**

### the scholarship encourages:

- Sound research and analytical skills
- Creative thought & initiative in seeking relevant information
- Practical application of relevant theory to the chosen topic
- Appropriate sourcing of a range of relevant reference material relevant to the chosen topic.

The scholarship aims to enhance awareness about gender issues and the ways such issues can be addressed in the planning, design and development of our neighbourhoods, towns, cities or regions.

## what do you need to do to apply?

All you need to do to apply for the WPN Rising Star Scholarship is to submit a **2,000 word essay** on or before **12th November 2010** on an important issue affecting the planning and design of our urban, regional or rural spaces in Victoria.

The essay must:

- include comment on the difference that gender perspective can have in analysing the issue(s) being addressed;
- describe and analyse the chosen issue(s) in a way that demonstrates a sound understanding of relevant planning theory or principles;
- meet the requirements of a well written tertiary paper including grounds and reasons for opinions or assertions, providing insightful comment and well constructed and articulate arguments;
- use a relevant case study, preferably Australian based.

The essays may include discussion about issues such as ethnicity, access to employment, affordable housing, community services and facilities.

You can gain some inspiration from reading the 2010 winning entry by logging on to the WPN website at [www.wpn.org.au](http://www.wpn.org.au)

## judging criteria

The entries are assessed by a panel comprising WPN members and a representative from **hansen partnership**, using the following criteria:

- **writing (30%)**  
Good essay structure; main argument apparent in introduction, good flow of arguments leading to conclusion; argument is logical and clear, with good grammar and properly referenced.
- **knowledge (30%)**  
Demonstrates understanding of literature pertaining to planning and gender difference; literature pertaining to case study/topic is relevant and appropriate.
- **analysis (40%)**  
Demonstrates insight and perceptiveness, maturity and/or originality; makes a useful contribution to questions of gender difference and planning and development.

Enquiries about the scholarship can be made directly to WPN as follows:

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Students can also make enquiries about the scholarship with the following contacts:

Melbourne University Dr Carolyn Whitzman | RMIT Robin Goodman, John Jackson | La Trobe University (Bendigo) Trevor Budge