Aurora is hoping in 2015 to once again offer two scholarships to undertake a Masters of Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee in Scotland. The scholarships have been renamed the Mineral Law NTRB Scholarships (formerly known as the Australian Government Rio Tinto NTRB Scholarships) and will be open to lawyers who are currently working or interested in working in the NTRB system.

Aurora is currently awaiting the outcome of a funding application to PM&C through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS), which will determine whether or not we will continue offering the Scholarship Program. We expect to hear from PM&C in the coming 6 weeks. It is important to note that Rio Tinto, which had partially funded the Program since inception, has decided not to continue supporting the Program going forward.

If PM&C agrees to fund the Program, the two scholarships will once again cover all the expenses involved in undertaking a one year Master of Laws (approximately AU$50,000) and will be open to any Australian resident with a law degree. It is hoped that PM&C will also agree to continue to provide an additional AU$15,000 towards the living expenses of each scholarship recipient who is working within the NTRB system at the time they receive the scholarship.

In all likelihood, the successful candidates will be required to commit to work within the NTRB system for a minimum period of two years on completion of their studies, and possibly longer, depending on the outcome of discussions with PM&C.

**Applications**

On-line applications will open on the day after we (hopefully) receive positive notification from PM&C and will stay open for 4 weeks. We anticipate this to be in mid/late March (TBC).

**More information**

Further information, as well as the on-line application process, can be found at:


For further information on the LLM in Mineral Law and Policy Program please visit: http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/postgraduatestudy/programmes/full-timeprogrammes/llminminerallawandpolicy/

The Program commences in **September 2015**.

If you have any questions, please email us at ntrbscholarships@auroraproject.com.au

For more information on the Aurora Project please visit: www.auroraproject.com.au
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HOW TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE:

• You will need to provide THREE WRITTEN REFERENCES to attach to your application material, including at least one from the Principal Legal Officer (PLO) at your NTRB (if currently employed there) and/or at least one who is able to comment on your academic merit to attach to your application material. Phone references will not be accepted.

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Application process

There are 3 steps involved in preparing and submitting your application.

Step 1

Prepare the required information in the following order as a SINGLE Microsoft Word document that includes:

i) A Statement of Purpose: In addition to providing reasons for applying for the Scholarship, the Statement of Purpose should include relevant details of career history (if applicable), personal philosophy, aspirations and future career plans. It should include, where relevant, any native title experience. The selection committee will not consider statements over 1,000 words or any documents beyond those requested.

ii) A curriculum vitae

iii) A passport-size photo

iv) A scanned certified electronic version of your academic transcript/s

v) A scanned certified copy of your Degree certificate

vi) Provide Three written professional references, including at least one from the PLO at your NTRB (if currently employed there) and/or at least one who is able to comment on your academic merit. Please go to our website to download a Pdf copy of the Aurora Reference Request outlining the criteria to be addressed by your referees. We suggest saving this document and forwarding it on to each referee.

Your referees will only be contacted (via email) by the Scholarships team in the event that we require further information and their details will remain confidential. Please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date referee email addresses in your on-line form. Phone references will not be accepted.

Please ensure to clearly label and save your SINGLE Microsoft Word document as follows:

surname.firstname.ntrbscholarship.app.doc

You will then be asked to attach this to your online application form.

Step 2

i) Complete the on-line application form via the Aurora website (www.auroraproject.com.au)

ii) At the end of the online form, attach a SINGLE Microsoft Word document which will need to include: a Statement of Purpose, CV, photo, academic transcript/s (certified), Degree certificate/s, and three written professional references.

iii) When you have attached your SINGLE Microsoft Word document please click on the submit button.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: Once you have submitted your application you will immediately receive a confirmation email from the NTRB Scholarships team. If you do not receive this email, this means that your application has not successfully gone through and you will need to re-submit. Be sure to check your ‘Junk’ email!

Step 3

i) Mail an official hard copy version of your academic transcript/s and Degree certificate/s to:

Kim Barlin, Placements & NTRB Scholarships Manager
100 Botany Road
Alexandria NSW 2015

If you would like us to return these documents, please include a self-addressed envelope.

Important dates:

• Candidates will be evaluated by the Aurora NTRB Scholarships team and a selection committee made up of academic and industry representatives

• Short-listed candidates will be notified in early May if they are required to attend an interview by video conference in mid/late May.

• Once successful candidates are notified by Aurora (early June) they must complete an application form to the LLM program with the University of Dundee. At that point candidate applications will be forwarded on to Dundee for final acceptance.

If you have not heard from us by early May or if you have any questions on the process, please send us an email to NTRBScholarships@auroraproject.com.au.