



## ORC & ARPS STUDENT FUND

*Initiative between the Operators' Radiation Committee and the Australasian Radiation Protection Society.*

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### Introduction

The Operators' Radiation Committee is an informal network of mining industry radiation safety officers, originally formed as a mutual assistance initiative by RSOs working in the uranium industry. Its scope subsequently broadened to include work with mineral sands, rare earths, and oil industry NORM radiation monitoring and control requirements.

### Aim

The aim of this initiative is to enable ARPS and the ORC to provide financial support to students to foster their radiation protection interests.

### Funding

The Operators Radiation Committee and ARPS have provided funding to support students wishing to enter the radiation safety and protection industry.

The monies have been deposited into a specific account for this purpose which is managed by ARPS. Where possible, the use of funds should be through the use of interests or dividend to preserve the initial capital donations of ORC and ARPS.

### Fund Steering Committee

A Fund Steering Committee has been established to ensure transparency and efficacy of the use of the funding. The Committee makes recommendations regarding the fund's management, such as the most appropriate account type, tax deductibility, and other strategies.

The Committee consists of representatives from both the ORC and ARPS, as follows:

*ARPS:* Ron Rubendra, Tony Hooker, Cameron Jeffries

*ORC:* Mark Sonter

The Steering Committee will meet (e.g. via teleconference) within two weeks when a request is made for financial support by a student. The decision of the Steering Committee will be ratified by the ARPS Executive at its next meeting and all decisions of the Steering Committee will be reported at the ARPS Annual General Meeting, through the financial reporting and by a 'ORC & ARPS Student Fund Report'.

### Eligibility of Students

Persons may be considered eligible for funding if they:

- are secondary school students studying science
- enrolled in an undergraduate physics program of study, or equivalent
- are undergoing specific research in a field of health physics or radiation protection in a post graduate program

It would be desirable if the student is a member of ARPS.

### Areas of Support

The funds may be used to support students in the following endeavours:

- financial support to conduct work experience for a radiation protection industry
- attendance at an ARPS conference or workshop (both national and State)
- attendance at another radiation protection related conference, training course, or workshop
- annual membership to ARPS, including HP subscription
- annual membership to SPERA
- professional development training
- financial support to complete certain radiation protection subjects or projects

Funding preferences will be directed towards works and studies in practical radiation protection in the minerals industries.

### Funding Requests

An area of the ARPS website provides an on-line form that will be completed and submitted to the ARPS secretariat.