



FIVE INTERNSHIPS IN THE AUSTRALASIAN POLLEN AND SPORE ATLAS

The Australasian Pollen and Spore Atlas (APSA) is a database under development in the Department of Archaeology and Natural History, RSPAS, Australian National University, and aims to provide web access to the pollen and spore collection held in the department (see <http://apsa.anu.edu.au>). The project is funded through the ARC e-Research Special Initiative Scheme (2006) and the ARC LIEF scheme (2008-9). Through support from the ARC Environmental Futures Network we are able to provide the opportunity for students and researchers using pollen and spore reference material valuable to their own research programs to:

1. be based at a laboratory with state-of-the-art digital microscopy equipment and an extensive pollen and spore reference collection,
2. interact with staff in the department and develop a working understanding of the Atlas database,
3. select pollen and spore reference material held in the department from their own geographic region of interest and compile and enter data and digital images of these into the Atlas.

The interns will be able to use data and images they add to the Atlas (and those that already exist in the Atlas) for their own research projects.

Each internship is for up to 4 weeks anytime between 17th August 2009 and 30th January 2010.

Applicants must provide a 1/2 page (<300 words) outline of why they want to be involved in the internship program, where their geographical region of interest is, how this will contribute to their ongoing research, and when you would like to take up the internship. A 1 page CV should also be attached (with 2 named referees). Application must be emailed to the contacts below no later than **3rd August 2009** and a decision will be made by **7th August 2009**.

Eligibility

Applicants can be from any country, must be working on pollen records or reference material from a region within SE Asia, Papua New Guinea, Australia or islands within the Pacific Ocean. You must hold an honours degree (or equivalent) in pollen-related research.

The Internships provide travel costs up to \$1000 (within Australia) or \$3000 (outside Australia), and accommodation up to \$250/week.

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