Information sheet: PARSA delegation to the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) 2017 Conference

**Applications close:** 11.59pm, Sunday 12 November
**Please complete the application using the online form**

**About CAPA**
PARSA is a member of CAPA, the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA). CAPA is the peak body representing the interests of Australia’s 320,000+ postgraduate students. Founded in 1979, CAPA is a membership based non-profit organisation. CAPA’s member organisations include 33 postgraduate associations, and the National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (NATSIPA).

As the national voice on postgraduate issues, CAPA communicates the interests and perspectives of postgraduate students to the Federal Government, Federal Opposition and minor parties, and higher education peak bodies. CAPA’s activities are supported by quality research. CAPA continues to play a leading role in higher education as an authoritative source of information on postgraduate issues.

Information on CAPA: http://www.capa.edu.au/

**Why attend the CAPA conference?**
CAPA is an excellent opportunity to meet postgraduate students from across the country, discuss issues and concerns that effect postgraduates, and learn about the work of other student associations in order to generate ideas that we can utilise in PARSA and ANU.

This is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about the topics and issues within higher education, governance, and democratic bodies.

Within the CAPA conference, postgraduate students also have the opportunity to be elected to positions within CAPA should they wish to contribute to this body. PARSA has historically had strong representation in CAPA and is interested in supporting a student to contest for the CAPA elections.
PARSA’s delegation to CAPA
PARSA is funding up to 2 positions for postgraduates of the ANU to be part of the PARSA delegation to the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) Conference.

The 2017 Conference is hosted by the University of Western Australia Student Guild and will take place at the University of Western Australia, Perth.

The CAPA Conference comprises of the Equity Leadership Conference, taking place on Tuesday 5 December, followed by the CAPA Annual Council Meeting (ACM) taking place from Wednesday 6 December to Friday 8 December.

The PARSA delegation will be led by the PARSA President and will include member of the Postgraduate Representative Council (PRC), PARSA’s elected student representatives, and members of the postgraduate community.

Eligibility for the PARSA delegation
You must be a currently enrolled postgraduate student, and both full and part time students are eligible.

Online and on-campus students will be considered, including students not based in Canberra. Students currently studying oversees will unfortunately not be considered.

It is a requirement of the PARSA delegation that you available and attend the entirety of the Conference and seek to actively engage in the Conference and support the delegation.

Conference logistics and costs
Members of the PARSA delegation will have all substantial costs covered including: registration, accommodation, travel and the majority of food.

The PARSA delegation will travel on Monday 4 December and return Saturday 9 December.

The PARSA delegation will be staying in the same accommodation, located at or near the Conference venue. If you have access requirements please indicate in the submission so we can ensure accommodation is booked to suit your needs.

All major meals will be covered by PARSA, or as part of the Conference registration fee, for the duration of the conference but there may be some out of pocket expenses for food or drink.

Questions?
If you have any questions regarding this opportunity please contact the PARSA office:
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