2015-2016 YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM

Standards Australia is pleased to call for applications for the 2015-2016 Young Leaders Program, which is designed to bring together Australia’s next generation of standards experts. The program provides an opportunity to become involved in the national and international standardisation supporting Australian industry, government and consumers.

Standards Australia is inviting 10 young professionals to participate in the Young Leaders Program. We will provide training and direct exposure to the Standards development process to develop the skills required to be successful in the technical committee environment. Participants will be paired with a mentor and will have the opportunity to attend relevant technical committee meetings for standards development projects.

Outcomes for participants on the program include:

- Gain a better understanding of standardisation
- Gain the knowledge and expertise to participate on a technical committee
- Learn how to draft standards
- Develop skills to be an effective committee member
- Develop a lasting career network

To apply for the Young Leaders program, you must:

- Demonstrate that
  - you are in your mid 20’s to mid 30’s
  - you have an active interest in standardisation, for example by participating in standards development or working for an organisation that actively uses standards
- Commit to
  - attending all scheduled events, including committee meetings
  - keeping contact with your mentor every 4-6 weeks
  - being a “Standards Champion” for the year of the program and beyond
  - stay in touch with Standards Australia as part of the Young Leaders Alumni
- Provide a
  - copy of your resume
  - written reference from your employer stating that they support your application
  - written reference from a relevant industry association, government agency or similar (if available)
  - written submission of approximately 500 words addressing the following topic in the Australian context:

  ‘Standards: The Common Language’
This statement refers to the World Standards Day theme:

“Imagine a world where your credit card would not fit into every cash machine or where you could not just stroll into a shop and find the right light bulb for your lamp. A world without telephone codes, country and currency codes and access to the Internet. How would you know where a call came from, or how to reach a specific region? If we didn’t have standards, communication between people, machines, parts and products would be extremely difficult.”

More information on this subject can be found at the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) website: http://www.iso.org/iso/home/news_index/events/world-standards-day2015.htm

Applicants are asked to refer to the program schedule to ensure that they are available for the duration of the program. Applications must be made by 30 June 2015 to young.leaders@standards.org.au

The Young Leaders Program has been designed to coincide with the IEC Young Professionals Program and two energy sector participants may be eligible to attend the IEC Young Professionals Program in November 2015. More information about the IEC Program is available from: http://www.iec.ch/members_experts/ypp/programme/

Standards Australia’s Young Leaders Program Schedule

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*Note the program above is indicative – content may change, but the dates will not.

Subsidies will be available for interstate travel where required.

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