



RTSA 2019 STORE Scholarship

Application Form and Terms and Conditions

A key purpose of the RTSA is to promote technological, operational and management excellence in the railway industry and one of the ways it achieves this is to strengthen and enhance the competence of RTSA members through offering continuing professional development opportunities. The 2019 RTSA Study Tour on Railway Engineering (STORE 2019) is an intensive two week visit to railway facilities and suppliers and is structured around the biennial Railway Interchange Trade Exposition and annual Technical Conference of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA). So that as many RTSA members can benefit from the opportunity to attend STORE 2019, the RTSA is offering a limited number of scholarships to assist in defraying the cost to attend. For applicants successful with their application for a scholarship, they will be required to bring back the knowledge and learnings from their participation in STORE for the benefit of, not only themselves and their organisations, but also RTSA members through presentations to RTSA members.

STORE 2019 will take place in September 2019, with an intensive two-week tour, with a potential further week extension, and is structured around the biennial Railway Interchange trade exposition and the annual technical conference of AREMA in Minneapolis. The proposed programme for STORE 2019 is attached. See www.rtsa.com.au for further details.

The estimated cost of participating in STORE 2019 is between AU\$8000 and \$10000 per person, so the RTSA is offering up to five (5) scholarships of AU\$4000 each (or NZD equivalent) to assist RTSA members who are currently working in the Australian or New Zealand rail sectors to attend.

Applications close at 5PM AEST on Friday 26 April 2019

Terms and Conditions

1. The 2019 RTSA STORE Scholarship is open to RTSA members currently working in paid employment in the Australian and New Zealand Rail sector (including railway operating and infrastructure organisations as well as associated suppliers, contractors, consultants and academic institutions).
2. Five (5) scholarships of AU\$4000 (or NZD equivalent) will be awarded, however the number of scholarships awarded will be at the sole discretion of the RTSA.
3. Successful applicants will be notified in writing by no later than 31 May 2019.
4. Scholarship holders will be reimbursed for travel and accommodation expenses associated with STORE 2019 up to a maximum of AU\$4000 (or NZD equivalent) upon submission to the RTSA of an expense claim and original receipts for these expenses. Scholarship holders may submit, if they wish, more than one expense claim, up to a total value of AU\$4000 (or NZD equivalent).



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5. Following completion of STORE 2019, all Scholarship holders are required to each make a 45-minute presentation on their learnings from STORE 2019 and AREMA Conference, to their local RTSA chapter. Each Scholarship holder will be required to agree the date and location of their presentation with their local RTSA Chapter Chair, but it is expected that all presentations will have been made by no later than 31 March 2020
- 7 Each holder of an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship must be available to attend and participate in STORE 2019 and must either (i) obtain a written agreement from their employer to attend (to be attached to their application) or (ii) take leave (paid or unpaid) from employment to attend STORE 2019 (as applicable). If the scholarship holder is no longer able to attend STORE 2019, they must inform RTSA as soon as possible so that RTSA can offer the RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship to someone else in their place.
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 - (a) To the full extent permitted by law, attendance and participation in STORE 2019 by the holder of an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship is at the scholarship holder's own risk, and none of RTSA, Engineers Australia or Engineering New Zealand accepts any liability for any loss, damage or injury suffered (whether personally or to property) whatsoever in connection with STORE 2019.
 - (b) Each holder of an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship is responsible for obtaining all insurance, such as travel insurance, and any and all travel visas, as may be necessary or desirable to attend and participate in STORE 2019.
- 9 To make a valid application for an RTSA 2019 STORE Scholarship, the application overleaf must be completed and be signed and dated by the applicant personally.
- 10 Each application must be submitted in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. By applying for an RTSA 2019 STORE Scholarship, each applicant agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. RTSA may in its discretion refuse to award an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship or pay any expense claims submitted by an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship holder if that person fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions.



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1. Nominee Details

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Employer:

Position:

In a maximum of 600 words, please outline the following:

- a) Your career to date including key achievements
- b) Your current role and responsibilities
- c) Your reasons for wishing to participate in STORE 2019 including specific areas of knowledge/ insights that you wish to gain and how you expect this to benefit your work
- d) How you plan to disseminate the information gained from STORE 2019 to your colleagues and organisation.

2. I am a member of the RTSA: Y/N

3. I have attached a statement of support from my employer to attend STORE 2019 as I will be attending during work hours and not taking leave from employment to do so

4. I confirm that if I am awarded an RTSA STORE 2019 Scholarship, I will make a presentation to my local RTSA Chapter on my learnings from STORE 2019 in line with my submission under paragraph 1(d) above.

5. I understand that RTSA is collecting the information I have supplied on this form for the purpose of processing and assessing my application for a RTSA 2019 STORE Scholarship and that failure to provide the information requested by this form may result in my application not being assessed or processed. I further agree that I have read and understood the Engineers Australia Privacy Policy (found at www.engineersaustralia.org.au/Privacy-Policy), which sets out how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles or a registered APP code (if any) that binds Engineers Australia, how I can access the personal information Engineers Australia holds about me, and how I can seek the correction of such information.

Signature:

Date:

Name:



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PROPOSED RTSA 2019 STUDY TOUR ON RAILWAY ENGINEERING TO UNITED STATES

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			11 SYD Advance Departure	12 SYD Advance Departure	13 SYD Advance Departure	14 SYD Last date to depart- Arrive AM QF011
15 LAX AM Jet lag recovery	16 LAX SCRRA/MTA Briefings: LAUPT Tour	17 LAX Alameda Corridor Port of Long Beach	18 SAC California HS Rail Briefing	19 SAC Guided tour of State Rail Museum – then free time @ museum	20 OAK Caltrain Briefing: Electrification & New Trainsets	21 SFO Field trips:(MUNI) or free time
PM Welcome Reception: orientation; safety training	Field Trips: EXPO Line Taylor Yard BNSF Hobart Yard	Pacific Harbor Lines Term RR Fly LGB-SAC SW 1810-1935	Field Visits: Light Rail or Siemens Plant or Freight Fac	Capitol Corridor Train to Oakland Evening briefing BART/Capitol Corridor	Field trips: TransBay Term SMART BART Central Muni Oakland Piers	Fly SFO-MSP DL: 1515-2050
22 MSP AM Free Time	23 MSP AREMA Conference /Railway Interchange	24MSP Briefing by Met Council- Light Rail, NorthStar	25 MSP Fly MSP-DEN DL 0900-1030	26 DEN Day trip to TTCI	27 DEN DTP Briefing CRMF Tour	28 DEN Free time or Colorado RR Museum. or Georgetown Loop RR
PM Railway Interchange	Railway Interchange	Field visits: Loram, BNSF, CPR, TC&W	Briefing by RTD: Fastraks Program	Day trip to TTCI	Field Trips: BNSF Maint Practices, Evening Dinner Cussler Museum, Arvada, CO	Free time or Pikes Peak
29 AM Free Time	30 Denver Field Trips: UP Facility Omnitrax short lines	1 Dallas DART Briefing Light Rail Tour Streetcar	2 Dallas BNSF Briefing Dispatch Center	3 Dallas Visits: DCTA or FtW and Western	4 Dallas Free Time	5 En Route SYD
PM Free time or Colorado RR Museum, Golden	Fly DEN-DFW AA 1634-1957	Trinity Rail Exp GE Loco Plant	Tour of BNSF Alliance Fac. and TEXRail Shop	Texas Central High Speed Farewell Dinner and Reception	Free time Depart for SYD QF008 2150	
6 AM Arrive SYD 0700	7	8	9	10	11	12
PM						



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