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ACPET to Launch Academic Journal

The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACPET) announced today that it is seeking scholarly submissions for a new biannual, peer-reviewed, higher education journal to be launched in 2012.

The ACPET Journal for Private Higher Education will publish scholarly articles on the theory and practice of higher education in the context of the private sector, providing expert, up-to-date, perspectives to benefit educators, scholars, students, practitioners, policy-makers and consultants.

ACPET CEO, Claire Field, said the launch of the Journal is a significant milestone for the private higher education sector, and demonstrates the importance of private institutions in expanding the diversity of high quality study options available to domestic and international students in Australia.

“The ACPET Journal for Private Higher Education will put some of Australia’s best minds to work to shape and inform the future of private higher education in Australia.”

“As private higher education plays an increasingly prominent role in Australia’s academic sector, it’s important that we examine and consider how private institutions can best meet the needs of students, industry, academic institutions and the broader Australian community into the future.”

There are around 140 non-university institutions delivering higher education in Australia, ranging from niche providers of specialised courses to larger institutions that model themselves directly on university structures and have ambitions to become self-accrediting institutions.

Private institutions now award around one in ten tertiary qualifications in Australia and almost 40,000 students now choose to undertake higher education courses through ACPET member Institutions.

Ms Field puts the rising popularity of private higher education down to a combination of high quality and specialised course content, innovative modes of delivery and close links with industry, which all serve to attract a growing number of students to consider enrolling outside traditional university environments.

“I am tremendously proud of the growing contribution private institutions are making to Australia’s academic landscape, so it gives me great pleasure to invite scholarly submissions to this Journal in order to build upon that contribution into the future,” Ms Field said.

The Chair of journal editorial Board is Emeritus Professor Hillary Winchester. The inaugural edition of the ACPET Journal for Private Higher Education will be published in April 2012. Submissions for the first edition must be submitted by 31 January 2012, and will be refereed using a double-blind peer review process.

Articles may be in the form of comparative reviews, critically reflective case studies or empirically-based papers, framed within an appropriate national and international context.

In particular, ACPET invites papers on original research in the following areas: higher education policy and practice; teaching, learning and curriculum design; quality assurance; postgraduate education; academic leadership and management; and academic work. Papers adopting inter-disciplinary and comparative international perspectives are particularly welcome.

For more information visit www.acpet.edu.au

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