



**RESEARCH AMBASSADORS & MENTORING PROGRAM**  
**AUSTRALIA – RAMP**  
**MEETING – HOBART 19-21 NOVEMBER 2015**  
**IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AAVHF BIENNIAL CONFERENCE (NOV 20-22)**

Dear Research Ambassadors, Mentors and Mentees,

The third annual Research Ambassadors and Mentoring Program (RAMP) Meeting will be held in Hobart from 19-21 November 2015 at the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) on the Hobart waterfront.

The DAAD and the AvH would like to invite all registered and prospective mentors, mentees and research ambassadors to this meeting. You will find a preliminary programme below.

RAMP Australia was founded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in 2012 and aims to provide mentoring to early career researchers in Australia. The aim of the scheme is for experienced researchers (mentors) to provide advice and mentoring with regard to the stated career goals and aims of an early or mid-career researcher (mentee).

If you are not currently registered as a research ambassador, mentor or mentee but would like to become one, please sign up on [www.ramp-australia.info](http://www.ramp-australia.info) before registering for the meeting. Registration is free.

Certificates of attendance can be issued upon request.

For those attending from outside Hobart, the sponsors will reimburse partial travel costs to a maximum of two nights' stay at a hotel as well as flight costs up to a maximum depending on the city of departure. Please see below for details.

Please book your own flights and accommodation (suggestions below) and note that travel costs will only be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts for actual costs (i.e. no lump sum allowances), up to the maximum allowed and only after the meeting has been held.

Please note that due to funding restrictions, the number of meeting participants whose travel costs we can reimburse is capped, so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. Additional meeting participants travelling at their own cost are welcome.

**Preliminary Programme**

Thu, Nov 19      any time      Arrival in Hobart

7pm (tbc) Catered Welcome Event with food and drinks (sponsored by the organisers) at Jack Greene, Salamanca (<http://www.jackgreene.com.au/>)

Fri, Nov 20

RAMP Day (9am – 4pm)

9am Welcome (Associate Professor Kay Double, RAMP Management Committee)

9.10am Presentation by new RAMP Coordinator Kerrie Thornton

9:30am Dr Julie Preston, Career Mentor Program Coordinator, University of Tasmania: "Best Practice in Mentoring". Talk and Q&A

10:30am Morning Tea

11am RAMP Mentoring Experiences: 2 Presentations and Q&A

12pm Mentee Talks

1pm Lunch

1:45pm Dr Julianne O'Reilly-Wapstra, Deputy Director of Research Development, University of Tasmania: "Research Project Management". Talk and Q&A

2:45pm Afternoon Tea

3:15pm Discussion about the future of RAMP, the role of the Research Ambassadors and the 2016 RAMP Meeting

4pm Closing

5pm Reception at Government House on the invitation of Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Kate Warner AM, Governor of Tasmania (NB: this event is still tbc)

Sat, Nov 21

Optional participation in the biennial meeting of the Australian Association of von Humboldt Fellows (no registration fee). More information:

[http://fourier.phys.utas.edu.au/AAvHF\\_biennial/](http://fourier.phys.utas.edu.au/AAvHF_biennial/)

OR

9am Optional Breakfast with other participants (own cost)

10am

Optional walk around Salamanca or the Harbour

You may also wish to visit MONA or the Saturday morning Salamanca Markets.

RAMP attendees are also cordially invited to attend the Biennial Conference of the Australian Association of von Humboldt Fellows (AAvHF) "Global Perspectives, Local Knowledge" in association with the New Zealand Association of von Humboldt Fellows at the same venue from 5pm Fri Nov 20 to 2pm Sun Nov 22.

The AAvHF programme is now open for registration and submission of abstracts. Please consult the conference web pages at [http://fourier.phys.utas.edu.au/AAvHF\\_biennial/](http://fourier.phys.utas.edu.au/AAvHF_biennial/) for registration, submission of abstracts, payment details, some advice about booking accommodation, and further details of the programme. These pages will be updated as more details become available. The AAvHF conference email address for all enquiries is: [Humboldt.2015@utas.edu.au](mailto:Humboldt.2015@utas.edu.au).

To register for the RAMP Meeting, please fill in the attached registration form and send it to [daad.australia@gmail.com](mailto:daad.australia@gmail.com). Please wait for our confirmation of participation before proceeding to book your flights and accommodation to make sure we have funding for your travel costs.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch on [daad.australia@gmail.com](mailto:daad.australia@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Kind regards,

Elisabeth and Tülay (DAAD), Kay (AvH)

## **Hotel and Reimbursement Information**

### **Reimbursement**

DAAD and AvH will be able to partially reimburse for travel costs depending on your city of departure.

Please note that travel costs will only be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts for actual costs (i.e. no lump sum allowances), up to the maximum allowed and only after the meeting has been held.

*For AvH alumni who are attending the AAvHF Conference and will have those travel costs covered by the AvH:*

Reimbursement for 1 night's accommodation (Thursday) to a maximum of \$190

*For all other participants:*

Reimbursement for return flights and 2 nights' accommodation (Thursday and Friday).

Please note that the maximum amount that will be reimbursed for accommodation is \$190 per night.

Total maximum amounts to be reimbursed:

- from Sydney: \$630
- from Melbourne: \$580
- from Brisbane: \$830
- from Perth: \$1080
- from Adelaide: \$780
- from Darwin: \$980

### **Hotel Suggestions**

The AAvHF has negotiated special rates with some local hotels. As November is heading into the peak tourist season and accommodation in Hobart is limited, please book early to avoid disappointment.

The following hotels are offering special rates. Participants should book directly and mention "UTAS conference" to secure their discount.

#### **Woolmers Apartments**

<http://www.woolmersapartments.com.au/>

123 - 127 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay (a bit further away)

(03) 6221 6999

\$105.00 (usually \$145) per room per night. All apartments have kitchenette, WIFI and carpark.

#### **Red Awnings Hotel and Apartments**

<http://redawnings.com.au/>

Five locations – some closer, some further away

1800 618 010

Rooms \$139-199 per night (with mention of "UTAS conference"). 25% of the rooms at their five properties have been placed on hold. Rooms not booked by 1 November will be released to the general public.

#### **Customs House Waterfront Hotel**

[www.customshousehotel.com](http://www.customshousehotel.com)

1 Murray St, Hobart

(03) 6234 6645

10% discount on rooms booked directly mentioning "UTAS conference".