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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS TO STUDY ABROAD

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling, has announced today that nominations are now open for the 2006 Westfield Chief Minister's Scholarships, presenting an opportunity for five Territory teachers to travel overseas for further studies.

The five Westfield Chief Minister's Scholarships of \$12, 000 each are available for individual primary and secondary teachers in Northern Territory government and non-government schools. The scholarships are intended to fund overseas travel and accommodation for study or research in teaching and curriculum development.

The focus for the scholarships will be "Excellence and Innovation in Education" and applications that address Middle Years teaching methods or Indigenous education will be given preference.

Mr Stirling said, "This presents a great opportunity for Territory teachers to broaden their experience and focus on their professional development. They will be able to share their new-found skills and experience when they return to their Territory classrooms."

"The teachers' work will make a positive contribution to the overall quality of teaching and learning in Northern Territory government and non-government schools."

The program originated in 2001 when Westfield Holdings Limited offered to sponsor Northern Territory teachers to encourage educational and cultural exchange between Australia and other countries.

Applications close 19 May, and winners will be announced 2 June. Further information is available at www.deet.nt.gov.au/education/wcms.

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