

Title: InternetNZ - Victoria University Cyberlaw Initiative

Summary

- INZ wishes to increase the capacity, expertise in , and knowledge of legal and policy issues relating to cyberspace use in New Zealand and which will be of world standing.
- VUW in partnership with Internet NZ has reached an agreement in principle to establish a Research Fellowship in Cyber Law within its Law School, to be known as the Internet NZ Research Fellowship in Cyber Law .
- The Internet NZ Research Fellow in Cyber Law will undertake a significant research project on a topic approved by a a INZ – VUW Project Management Committee.
- The Research Fellowship will a one year appointment . The position will be advertised primarily in NZ and Australia . Applicants will be asked to nominate research topics based on priorities established by a INZ – VUW project management and selection committee
- The InternetNZ – VUW Cyberlaw Initiative will support research , policy analysis and advancing the public interest in the field of telecommunications law, cyberspace, intellectual property, and law and technology.
- The overriding goal is to develop capacity, expertise and public understanding of legal issues relating to cyberspace in NZ
- The appointee will undertake research, contribute to teaching through seminars and workshops at the Honours and Masters level, and present outreach programmes in conjunction with Internet NZ for the wider public.
- This agreement is the result of 9 months of negotiation by ad hoc working group led by Councillor Simon Riley and assisted by Rick Shera , Peter Dengate Thrush and Keith Davidson. Because of the sensitivities regarding this initiative the ad hoc working group has reported directly to the officers of the Society regarding the progress of negotiations to date.
- Projected annual budget is \$146500. InternetNZ contribution will be \$85,000 . The proposed agreement calls for a 3 yr commitment to be reviewed on an annual basis.
- It is anticipated that one of the tasks of the INZ – VUW management committee in the first year will be to explore the possibilities of additional sponsorship to offset the costs of the programme as well as underwrite as well as future expansion in terms of activities possibly along the lines of Centres for Cyberlaw elsewhere .

Objectives

- to further the development of cyber law as a discipline and provide a focal point around which internet law and related policy matters can be fostered and promoted.

to increase the expertise in, and knowledge of, legal and policy issues relating to cyberspace use in New Zealand which is of world standing

- to provide a focal point on issues regarding Cyberlaw for the academic, professional, business and policy-making communities in NZ
- to support public outreach education programmes of benefit to the INZ and the wider community.

Description

VUW in partnership with Internet NZ will establish a Research Fellowship in Cyber Law within its Law School, to be known as the Internet NZ Research Fellowship in Cyber Law, the principle aim of which will be to develop capacity, expertise and public understanding of legal issues relating to cyberspace.

A Project Management Committee will be set up comprising at least two and not more than three representatives of each of the INZ and of VUW's Law School. INZ will be represented by the President and the Chair of Legal and Regularity Committee

The role of the Committee will be to:-

- (i) Identify the research topics to be studied.
- (ii) Oversee the appointment of the Research Fellow.
- (iii) Formulate an annual research and teaching programme in conjunction with the Research Fellow.
- (iv) Formulate an annual public outreach programme of seminars, workshops etc in conjunction with the Research Fellow.
- (v) Monitor the performance of the Research Fellow.
- (vi) Ensure that the objectives and outputs of the Research Fellowship as outlined in this Agreement are achieved.
- (vii) Undertake an annual review and evaluation of the Research Fellowship.

Selection and Appointment of Research Fellow

The Research Fellow will be selected by a panel which will include representatives from VUW and INZ on the Project Management Committee. The selection of the Fellow must be a unanimous decision by the selection panel.

The Fellow will engage with academics working in related fields primarily in the VUW Law School, but also with others in the School of Information Management, the School of Mathematical and Computing Sciences, and the School of Government. He/she will also teach Honours and Masters students through seminars and workshops.

Milestones and Deliverables

- (i) Project Management Committee established by 15 September 2003.
- (ii) Job advertisement placed by 1 October 2003.
- (iii) Confirmation of research topic of first Fellow by 1 February 2004.
- (iv) Appointment of first Fellow by 1 March 2004.
- (v) Programme of work finalised by Project Management Committee with first Fellow by 31 March 2004.
- (vi) Contribution to teaching at LLB(Honours) and LLM(Masters) level through seminars workshops, ongoing.
- (vii) Delivery of a public outreach programme of seminars and workshops, and other public communications as agreed with Project Management Committee, ongoing.
- (viii) Meetings and consultations on key issues with leading IT industry organisations, ongoing.

Financial**Term :**

The term of the sponsorship is for an initial period of three years, with an expectation that, provided it meets the objectives of the INZ and of the VUW Law School, it be continued.

Payment Schedule :

The INZ will make payments of \$85,000 plus GST per annum to the Victoria University Foundation, whose Trustees, having verified that VUW has met the objectives and deliverables set out herewith in this Agreement, will in turn forward the funds to the Law School.

The payments will be made quarterly and retrospectively in amounts of \$21,250 + GST per quarter.

Budget:

A salary in the range of \$50 - \$60000 has been recommended by VUW

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Salary, including ACC, holiday pay	\$60500
Capital/depreciation	\$1500
Travel – for meetings, conferences etc	\$10000
Operating costs – consumables, support etc	\$4000
Occupancy charge	\$4000
Overheads	\$66550
TOTAL	\$146500

COSTS : Note - Appointment of first Fellow by 1 March 2004.

Qtr-1 – 04	Qtr-2 -04	Qtr-3 –04	Qtr-4 –04	Total
\$21,250	\$21,250	\$21,250	\$21,250	\$85,000

Motions

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1. approval in principle to establish the Internet NZ Research Fellow in Cyber Law at School of Law, Victoria University
2. that the Internet NZ total contribution will not exceed \$85,000 per annum
3. that the term of sponsorship shall be for 3 years provided that the objectives and deliverables set out in the partnership agreement have been met.
4. that Admin Committee is authorized to negotiate final details of the partnership agreement with VUW

Sign-off**Project Champion**Sign:

Name
_____ Simon Riley

Date

August 21 2003

PresidentSign:

Name

Date