Announcing the TTRA Canada – PhD Award -- Deadline is May 31st, 2015

The Peter W. Williams (PhD) Award for the Advancement of Multi-Disciplinary Tourism Research, sponsored by Research Resolutions & Consulting, encourages original contributions to the advancement of concepts or methodologies central to tourism research. It is particularly interested in supporting research that enriches the breadth and depth of tourism related investigations though the integration of perspectives and approaches emanating from a diverse range of academic disciplines.

Award: The winning student will receive a $3,000 prize, complimentary registration to the TTRA Canada annual conference, and up to $1,000 towards travel and accommodation (based on submitted receipts). The winner will attend the conference and present a summary of his/her work.

Eligibility: The award is intended to assist current PhD students advance their research, therefore applicants must be registered students in Canadian university doctoral programs. The research proposal must have been completed between May 31st, 2012 and May 31st, 2015. The research proposal must clearly demonstrate an intent to integrate theories, concepts and methods emanating from two or more academic disciplines. Particular preference will be given to proposals grounded in disciplines not normally linked to tourism.

Requirements: Eligible students must submit:
1. A one to two page cover letter that:
   i. Identifies (briefly) the theories, concepts and methods reported in the research proposal, and what disciplines these are most commonly associated with.
   ii. Outlines how the dissertation research will contribute to the growth of multi and interdisciplinary approaches to tourism study.
   iii. Describes of the student applicant’s previous involvement in tourism (academic or industry) as well as their future career goals.
2. A 500-word abstract that clearly describes the rational and methods of the proposed dissertation research.
3. An original electronic version of a PhD research proposal in PDF format. The proposal may be in English or French.

Criteria: The proposal will be judged by a review committee consisting of members of TTRA Canada. The review committee will examine and judge submissions based on the creativity of approach, relationship to travel and tourism, usefulness and applicability, quality of presentation and multi/interdisciplinary advances to tourism research.

Submissions and questions should be directed to:
Elizabeth Halpenny, Associate Professor
Tourism and Travel Research Association – Canada Chapter – Awards Subcommittee Chair
Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation
2-130G University Hall, Van Vliet Complex, University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA, T6G 2H9, Tel: 780-492-5702, Email: elizabeth.halpenny@ualberta.ca