

In 2005 the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences submitted a successful application for the visit of Professor Brian Chalkley. The sections relating to details of the visitor and his proposed activities while at UWA are reproduced below. As this application provides a clear example of addressing the required teaching and learning focus of the Distinguished Visiting Teachers Fund (see sections 1 and 2 of the Guidelines) we hope this may be a helpful exemplar for future applicants.

Details of the Visitor  
(such as CV)

**[CV was also attached]**

Professor Brian Chalkley (BSc Hons, PhD) has over 30 years experience in teaching and learning in Geography and other environmental and social sciences. He is currently Director of the National Subject Centre for Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences in the United Kingdom. This nationally funded organisation aims to promote the development and sharing of best practice in teaching and learning. In 2002, Prof Chalkley was the winner of a National Teaching Fellowship in the UK.

Professor Chalkley is a member of the Education Committee of the Royal Geographical Society, and a former member of the UK Quality Assurance Agency Benchmarking Panel on Geography. He has also acted as an assessor as part of the Teaching Quality Assessment for UK Geography departments. Between 1997 and 1999 he was the Director of the Science Education Enhancement and Development project at the University of Plymouth. This project was funded from the National Fund for the Development of Teaching and Learning, and was designed to promote innovation in science education. In 2004 he was responsible for four bids from the University of Plymouth for Centres for Excellence in Learning and Teaching. These Centres will reward and disseminate excellence in curriculum innovation, design and delivery.

Professor Chalkley's current interests include enhancing the teaching-research nexus, graduate key skills and employability, learning outcomes and assessment, work-based learning and computer aided learning. In addition, he has particular expertise in field-based learning. He remains an active university teacher, coordinating and teaching courses on the Geography of Australia, transferable skills, careers education and a range of foreign field courses.

Details of the proposed activities of the visitor in **enhancing teaching and learning**, at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

While at UWA, Professor Chalkley will undertake the following activities:

- Review the Honours programmes in the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences, particularly with regards to the quality of student learning outcomes, research training, key skills and employability.
- Review selected units in the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences in relation to learning outcomes, key skills, assessment, and employability.
- Conduct two University wide seminars for staff on the following: *Current Trends in Teaching and Learning in Geography*, *Earth and Environmental Sciences in the UK* and *Enhancing the Teaching-Research Nexus*.
- Conduct two workshops with staff in the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences and the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences on *Outcomes Based Education* and *Graduate Employability*.
- Meet with current students and recent graduates of the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences to discuss issues of employability, key skills etc. This will be followed by a workshop with staff from SEGS on graduate employability and key skills, particular in relation to current strengths and areas for further development.
- Workshop with interested staff and postgraduate students from FNAS on best practice in research supervision.
- Visit to the Albany Centre for two days to discuss issues in distance education, particularly in relation to programmes taught through the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences and Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences. Discussion with students enrolled in the Institute of Regional Development's fully online Masters programmes in Regional Development.
- Meet with the Geographical Association of Western Australia and the Science Teachers' Association to discuss links between Upper Secondary and Tertiary Education in the Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences.

Prof Chalkley would also be available to meet with staff on a one-to-one basis from across the University to discuss various aspects of teaching and learning in higher education.