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MEDIA RELEASE

Perpetual funds international philanthropy scholarships for FIA

The Fundraising Institute Australia today announced it has received \$20,000 from The Perpetual Foundation to assist with professional development within the charitable sector.

Speaking on behalf of the FIA board and members, FIA CEO Chris McMillan said the organisation was delighted to receive the funding to provide two scholarships for professional learning overseas.

“The FIA is very grateful to The Perpetual Foundation for its generosity in making this funding available,” FIA CEO Chris McMillan said.

“This gift will help support the FIA’s ongoing work in encouraging and providing professional development within the fundraising sector.

“The FIA was selected under a rigorous process from a highly competitive field, and we are delighted that our application was successful,” Ms McMillan said.

“An essential part of the FIA mission is to advance the ethical practice of fundraising through encouraging and supporting people and organisations to undertake professional development.

“The grant from The Perpetual Foundation will assist us to fulfil our mission through awarding two international scholarships for professional development,” Ms McMillan said.

Andrew Thomas, Perpetual’s General Manager Philanthropy, said the scholarships are in line with the key objectives of The Perpetual Foundation.

“The Perpetual Foundation focuses on the improved leadership, management and governance of non-profit organisations and their capacity to achieve sustainability for the long-term benefit of society,” Mr Thomas said.

“The FIA scholarships will allow two individuals to learn from international experts and apply that learning to the Australian community.”

Scholarship details will be announced in September, and the winning recipients will be presented with their scholarships at the FIA’s International Conference 2011 in Melbourne in February next year.

The FIA, an association of professionals, advances philanthropy through encouraging and supporting people and organisations to ethically practise excellence in fundraising. The core activities through which the FIA fulfils this mission include professional development, mentoring, credentialing, research and advocacy. For details visit www.fia.org.au.

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