



## **Perl Training Scholarship**

Sponsored by Strategic Data

Strategic Data is offering up to seven individual scholarships for computer science graduates to complete a five day *Introduction to Perl for Programmers* course, run by Damian Conway and valued at \$2,500.

The scholarships are a fantastic opportunity for the successful applicants to receive a world-class introduction to the popular Perl language and to obtain the background and technical skills necessary to begin using Perl in a professional setting.

**Course participants will be considered for a Graduate Programmer position at Strategic Data.**

Applicants must be recent computer science graduates or computer science students who are soon to complete their degree.

### **What is *Introduction to Perl for Programmers*?**

*Introduction to Perl for Programmers* is an extended Perl workshop for those with a solid programming background but no specific or formal training in Perl. It familiarises students with the basic structure and design of the language and explores many of the features that have made Perl such a widely used and widely useful development platform.

The course will be run by Damian Conway, one of the world's foremost Perl trainers.

Scholarship recipients will attend the five-day course to be run at Strategic Data's offices in Fitzroy from Monday 5<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

### **Who is Strategic Data?**

Strategic Data is a Melbourne based data consultancy providing services and advice on data collection and data management, as well as reporting and analysis. With a heavy emphasis on Perl and open source software, we specialise in on-line data collection, web development, database design and bulk data processing. For more information about us, see <https://www.strategicdata.com.au> and see <http://www.websurvey.com.au>

### **Who is Damian Conway?**

Damian Conway (<http://damian.conway.org>) is a leading member of the international Perl community, and one of the most sought after technical speakers in Open Source. His IT training company – Thoughtstream – provides developer training and technical speaker education throughout Europe, North America, and Australasia. He is the author of the books *Object Oriented Perl* and *Perl Best Practices*, and co-author of

*Perl Hacks*. Besides being a well-known and prolific open source software developer (see: <https://metacpan.org/author/DCONWAY> and <https://github.com/thoughtstream>) he has also spent much of his spare time over the past two decades assisting Larry Wall in the development of the two Perl programming languages. Damian holds a B.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Computer Science and between 2001 and 2010 was also a lecturer and Adjunct Associate Professor in Computer Science at Monash University. Strategic Data is keen to promote an awareness of Perl amongst graduate programmers and to expand its use through wider exposure. By offering this scholarship, we're also looking to meet and help train future programmers in the language.

### **Why apply?**

If you're about to graduate or have recently done so, have an interest in Perl or would like to know more, then this scholarship is for you. It's a great opportunity to undertake a highly regarded, practically focused course - free of charge. It's also a fantastic chance to meet industry contacts, improve your resume and be considered for a Graduate Programmer position at Strategic Data.

### **Selection Criteria**

Up to seven scholarships covering the complete cost of *Introduction to Perl for Programmers* are available. Participants will be selected on the basis of:

- Demonstrated interest in Perl and/or open source software,
- Academic performance
- Interest in potential employment with Strategic Data (Fitzroy – Melbourne)

To apply, please send a letter of two pages or less detailing:

- Why you would like to learn or improve your knowledge of Perl,
- Any experience you have indicating your interest in Perl and/or open source software,
- Your academic results,
- Your interest in employment with Strategic Data

Please send your application by email or regular post to:

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Applications should be lodged as early as possible – selection process and offering of places will commence on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

For all questions or enquiries please contact Andrew Gordon on 03 9340 9000.