Applications are now open for the 2012 Sustainability Champions Scholarship Program.

Vocational Education and Training practitioners are invited to apply for the Vocational Graduate Certificate Education and Training for Sustainability (VGC ETfS) through the National Centre for Sustainability, Swinburne University of Technology (Vic) in partnership with the North Coast TAFE (New South Wales) and Tropical North Institute of TAFE (Queensland).

Under the National VET Sector Skills for Sustainability Professional Development Program, funded by The Australian Government’s Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (formerly DEEWR), eighty fully funded places have been made available to successful applicants across Australia. Course tuition and enrolment costs are fully subsidised.

*Education for Sustainability*

*Involves learning-based strategies to stimulate change towards sustainability.*

*While we have an increasing number of courses in Australia about sustainability within many trades and professions, this qualification is the first to focus on education for sustainability where the knowledge and skills about sustainability are integrated into a people and change framework.*

*We know that teaching the technical knowledge and skills about sustainability design, materials and technologies does not bring about change in itself without whole systems knowledge, critical thinking, communication and collaborative skills to educate for a sustainable future.*

*To paraphrase Al Gore in An Inconvenient Truth, we have all the technical skills and knowledge we need to make the transition to a low carbon sustainable future but we know less about facilitating people to make those changes. This course picks up that challenge.*

The course will run for twelve months commencing late March 2012. There are eighty places available nationwide which will be allocated through a competitive application process. For more information please see: [http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/edutrain.html](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/ncs/edutrain.html)

To apply, you must complete and submit the Sustainability Champions Scholarship Program Application Form and have the endorsement of your RTO. Applications close **5.00pm, Wednesday 29 February 2012**.