Opportunities Down Under – Postgraduate Study & Research in Australia

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About Australia

- It’s enormous! Island continent = 7.74 million sq km
- Population 21 million people
- English speaking but multicultural (+100 ethnic groups)
- Technologically advanced & innovative
  - State-of-the-art facilities
  - Innovation key priority
  - Australia’s excellence in Science and Research
Australia’s Higher Education Sector

- **Institutions:**
  - 39 universities in Australia
  - close to 200 higher education institutions

- **International students:**
  - 455,185 students in 2007 from about 190 countries

- **Internationally recognised degrees:**
  - Bologna Compatible – BA, MA, PhD

- **Quality Assurance for International Students: ESOS Act**
  - National Code of Practice
  - Tuition Assurance Scheme (TAS)
Research & Teaching Excellence

- Learning & Teaching Performance Fund
- 10 Nobel Prize winners
- 7 universities listed in the top 100 of The Times Top 200 World University Ranking (2008)
- Australian National University (ANU) = No.1 in Australia; No.16 in the world
- Australian research strengths:
  - Astronomy
  - Agriculture
  - Biotechnology
  - Creative Industries
  - Health & Medicine
  - Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
  - Marine/Environmental Research
  - Nanotechnology
Internationally connected

- Australian universities are involved in many international research cooperation projects, including staff and student exchanges
- Australian researchers collaborate with more than 110 countries:
  - Researcher-to-researcher
  - Inter-governmental relationships
- Australian Government promotes international cooperation through scholarships, grants and research funding schemes
  - Endeavour Awards
  - Australian Research Council (ARC) Schemes
Endeavour Europe Awards (1)

Endeavour Europe Awards

- Provide financial assistance for postgraduate students from participating countries in Europe to undertake, in any field of study, either an Australian Masters degree or PhD
- 20 awards per year covering funding for monthly stipend (max. 12 months), travel allowance & establishment allowance, health & travel insurance. Tuition fees are not covered. Total award value: up to $AUD38,500 (approx. €28,200)

Eligibility criteria

- Citizens or permanent residents of a participating country (EU, Nor, CH, Croatia)
- Completed undergraduate degree demonstrating high academic achievement
- Demonstrate English language proficiency
- Have applied for and gained admission to a Masters or PhD course in Australia
- Award Holders must commence their approved program and Award during 2012.
Endeavour Europe Awards (2)

Selection Criteria

- A record of high-level academic achievement
- A well defined study program
- A proposal relevant to the needs/interests of Australia and the home country
- Potential to foster cooperation with Australia and to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in home country on return

How to apply

- Online application via www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au
- Applications for 2012 Endeavour Awards open in early April 2011
Endeavour Research Fellowships

Endeavour Research Fellowships:
- Provide financial support for postgraduate students (Master, PhD) and postdoctoral fellows from participating countries for short-term research (4-6 months)
- Any field of study, in Australia
- Monthly stipend (up to 6 months), travel allowance, establishment allowance, health & travel insurance. Tuition fees are not covered. Total Award value: up to $AUD23,500 (approx. €17,200)

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Further information
- www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au
Australian Research Council Schemes

Internationalisation of ARC Schemes

- Removing any impediments to internationalisation in all ARC schemes
- All fellowships will be open to international applicants to work in Australia
- Provisions for international collaboration within all ARC programs

Schemes

- **Linkage International**: ARC International Fellowships for outstanding postdoctoral, research and senior research fellows to work in Australian organisations for periods of up to 12 months.
- **Linkage Projects**: Link researchers in Australian institutions to industry and other partners (govt/ non govt), from 2009 open for participation of international higher education institutions and international postgraduate students
- **Future Fellowships**: New scheme for mid-career researchers, open for international applicants
- **Laureate Fellowships**: New scheme for world-class research leaders, includes funds for two postdoctoral and two postgraduate researchers and project funding

[www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)
Joint Academic Scholarship On-line Network (JASON)

- JASON is a postgraduate scholarship search engine - www.jason.edu.au
- Database covers scholarships for Australian students wishing to study at home or abroad and international students wishing to study in Australia
- Includes full scholarships and some travel fellowships for international PhD students
- Lists scholarships in different thematic areas – you can subscribe for updates in areas of interest
Useful links

- FEAST (Forum for European-Australian Science & Technology Cooperation): [www.feast.org](http://www.feast.org)
- Australian Research Council: [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)
- Australian Researcher Mobility Portal: [www.mobility.org.au](http://www.mobility.org.au)
- Joint Academic Scholarship On-line Network (JASON) Database: [www.jason.edu.au](http://www.jason.edu.au)
- Universities Australia: [www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au](http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au)
- Group of Eight Universities: [www.go8.org](http://www.go8.org)
- Innovative Research Universities Australia: [www.irua.edu.au](http://www.irua.edu.au)
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