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1. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES

Scholarship	Study Level	Country	Key Dates
Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship	Postdoc	Canada	Close: 20 September 2017
Cambridge Australia Scholarships	M & PhD	UK	Close: 7 December 2017 *(or course deadline)*
Charlie Perkins Scholarships	M & PhD	UK	Open: 28 August 2017
Churchill Fellowships	N/A	Not Specified	Open: 1 February 2018
DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service)	M & PhD	Germany	Varies – DAAD website
Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships	M, PhD & Professional Development	Non Specified	Close: 30 June 2017
Frank Knox Fellowship	M	USA	2016 open date 24/06. The same again?
Fulbright Scholarships	M, PhD, Postdoc & Staff	USA	Close: 1 August 2017
Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarships	M & PhD	Canada	Varies – See University of Alberta website
Lionel Murphy Scholarships	M	Non Specified	Close: 30 November 2017
Oxford Australia Scholarships	M & PhD	UK	Varies – See Oxford Australia website
Rhodes Scholarships	M & PhD	UK	Open: 3 July 2017 Close: 4 September 2017
Roberta Sykes Scholarship	M	Non Specified	Varies - see Roberta Sykes website
Schwarzman Scholars	M	China	Close: 28 September
Sir John Monash Scholarships	M & PhD	Non Specified	Close: 1 August 2017
Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships	M, PhD, Postdoc	Switzerland	Open: August 2017
Vanier	PhD	Canada	Varies – See Vanier website
Westpac Future Leader Program	M & PhD	Australia	Open: 15 June 2017 Close: 5 September 2017

2. CAMBRIDGE AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP

Background

Cambridge Australia Scholarships is a not-for-profit organisation that provides scholarships for outstanding Australian graduates to undertake Masters and PhD degrees at the University of Cambridge.

In collaboration with the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust, Cambridge Australia Scholarships awards up to ten PhD Scholarships and a number of Masters degree half-Scholarships each year.

Around 1000 Australians have been supported by Cambridge Australia Scholarships (and its predecessor organisation) since establishment in the 1980s.

Why apply for a Cambridge Australia Scholarship?

Cambridge Australia Scholars, past and present, form part of an international network that encompasses all countries supported by the Cambridge Commonwealth, European and International Trust.

The Scholarship provides you with support whilst you undertake Graduate studies at Cambridge University which was ranked equal 2nd in the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

There are several research opportunities at Cambridge within the Schools of Arts & Humanities, Humanities & Social Sciences, Clinical Medicine, Technology, Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences.

Benefits at a glance

Master's Degree Scholarships
Each scholarship covers part-cost of:

- University fees;
- College fees; and
- A maintenance allowance

PhD Scholarships
Each scholarship is tenable for three years and covers:

- University fees;
- A maintenance allowance at the single student rate set for graduate admission; and
- A contribution towards airfare to the UK.

Apply for 2018

Close: **7 December 2017 (*or course closing date, whichever is earlier)***

Eligibility Criteria

Master's Degree Scholarships

- *Show proven academic ability, supported by appropriate references.*
- *Demonstrate achievements in other field(s) and the energy to use their talents to the full as exemplified by contribution to the community and organizations to which they belong; and*
- *Be of excellent character and have a commitment to ethical leadership.*

PhD Scholarships

- *Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident;*
- *Have a Degree from a recognized Australian university; and*
- *Gained admission to the University of Cambridge to undertake a PHD degree.*

How to apply

To be considered for a Cambridge Australia Foundation PhD or Masters Scholarship you must first apply for entry to the University of Cambridge.

All applications for both a place and a scholarship must be made through the Graduate Admissions Office at the University of Cambridge.

Want more information?

Before contacting Cambridge Australia, please visit the Cambridge Australia website for more information.

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3. CHARLIE PERKINS TRUST

Background

The Charlie Perkins Trust Scholarships were launched in 2009 to provide two talented Indigenous Australians each year with the opportunity to undertake postgraduate study at the University of Oxford, in memory of Aboriginal leader and activist Dr Charlie Perkins - the first Indigenous Australian man to graduate from university.

Why apply for a Charlie Perkins Scholarship?

The Charlie Perkins Scholarships gives Indigenous students the opportunity to become leaders, not only in their field but in the broader community.

The Scholarship provides you with support to study at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom. Both of which are ranked in the top 10 Universities in the world (World Rankings, QS).

Benefits at a glance

The Perkins Scholarship covers*:

- Full-university and college fees;
- Travel costs; and
- An annual stipend to cover living expenses.

*The value of each Perkins Scholarship will vary, depending on the scholarship holder's course of study.

Eligibility Criteria

- Have tertiary qualifications
- Be accepted into any graduate degree program offered at the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge (this will require a First Class Honours degree, upper Second Class Honours degree or equivalent)
- Be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent
- Be accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived. Applicants must provide a written statement confirming their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

How to apply

Before applying, applicants should check the University of Oxford and/or the University of Cambridge website for information on entry requirements for their chosen course/s.

Apply for 2018/2019

Open: **28 August 2017**

1. **Register your interest**
   Contact the Trust to discuss your application and college choice.

1. **Apply for admission to the University of Oxford and/or the University of Cambridge**
   NOTE: You must be accepted by the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge in order to be eligible to receive a Charlie Perkins Scholarship

2. **Apply for a Scholarship**
   Applicants must submit the following documents:

- Charlie Perkins Trust application form
- Cover Letter & Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- An official transcript of university results (including mid-year results if available)
- Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent through a signed statement (including common seal) as confirmation from the Aboriginal Heritage Association, Aboriginal Corporation or Land Council of the country of their ancestors
- Five referees (three of which should be academic referees) should forward written reports to richard.potok@auroraproject.com.au and scholarships@auroraproject.com.au. The references should highlight your capabilities, your past contribution to the Indigenous Community and the perceived future benefit of doing your chosen course. One of your referees should be from an Elder in your community, and should highlight your connection to the community.

Want more information?

Before contacting the Charlie Perkins Trust, please visit the Perkins Trust website for more information.

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4. WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP

Background

The aim of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is to provide an opportunity for Australians to travel overseas to conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in Australia. It also aims to reward proven achievement of talented and deserving Australians with further opportunity in their pursuit of excellence for the enrichment of Australian society.

Why apply for a Churchill Fellowship?

A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens the remarkable opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or an issue that they are passionate about. It is for anyone who feels they have exhausted alternatives within Australia and provides pathways for Fellows to access expertise from around the world, expanding their knowledge and experience.

Benefits at a glance

The Trust allows Fellows to spend up to 8 weeks travelling the globe to investigate a topic you are passionate about. Approximately 100 Fellowships are awarded each year at an average value of 26,000 AUD.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be Australian Citizen
- Aged over 18 years
- Demonstrate suitable level of achievement in the field of the proposed project
- Not currently enrolled in tertiary studies that closely relate to overseas project
- No prescribed qualifications are required
- Be willing to disseminate the results of your research to the boarder Australian community
- Not have been awarded a Churchill Fellowship previously

Selection Criteria*

Project

- Merit of the proposed project
- The need and benefits for this project in Australia at either a State/Territory or national level
- The itinerary and places selected
- The necessity to travel overseas
- The achievability of the project

Apply for 2019

Open: **28 Feb 2018**
Close: **28 April 2018**

Applicant

- Ability to maximize the opportunity of the Fellowship
- Ability and commitment to make a difference after the trip
- Ability and commitment to widely disseminate findings

Interviews

The exact timing, duration and number of interviews varied in each State and Territory. Interviews will be conducted any time from May to July.
After the interviews are conducted the applicants are ranked in order of preference by the Committee, this will determine the nominations that will be forwarded to the National Office. Applicants will be advised if their application has progressed to the National Office.

Selection of Churchill Fellows

The nominated applicants will be presented to the Trust's Board of Directors who considers each nomination submitted by each State or Territory.

Selection of Churchill Fellows and the procedures undertaken are at the discretion of the Board of the Trust.

*Please visit the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Website for full details on the selection criteria.

How to apply

Applications are submitted online through the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust website.

Want more information?

Before contacting the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, please visit the Churchill Trust website for more information.

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5. ENDEAVOUR SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

Background

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are internationally competitive, merit-based scholarships provided by the Australian Government that support citizens around the world to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia and for Australians to do the same overseas.

The aim is to build Australia's reputation for excellence in the provision of education and research, support the internationalisation of the Australian higher education and research sectors and offer high-achieving individuals from overseas and Australia opportunities to increase their productivity and expertise in their field.

Why apply for an Endeavour Scholarship and Fellowship?

As an Endeavour Scholar or Fellow you would encompass the objectives of the program which are to:

- Develop ongoing educational, research and professional links between individuals, organisations and countries.
- Increase the skills and global awareness of high achieving individuals from Australia and overseas.
- Contribute to Australia's position as a high quality education and training provider and a leader in research and innovation.
- Increase the productivity of Australians through international study, research or professional development experience.

Benefits at a glance

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships offer support to Australians to undertake study, research or professional development in a participating country and/or region.
All recipients will receive:

- Travel allowance: $3,000 (provision to pay up to $4,500 under special circumstances)
- Establishment allowance: $2,000 (fellowships) or $4,000 (scholarships)
- Monthly stipend: $3,000
- Health insurance
- Travel insurance
- Endeavour Scholarship recipients will also receive tuition fees paid up to the max.

Apply for 2018

Close: **30 June 2017**

study/research duration on a pro-rata basis. Tuition includes student service and amenities fees.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be aged 18 years or over at the commencement of their program
- Be a citizen and/or permanent resident of a participating country.
- Commence their proposed program after 1 January 2018 and no later than 30 November 2018.
- Provide all relevant supporting documentation as specified under section 9 in the Application Guidelines
- Not currently hold or have completed, since 1 January 2014, an Australian Government sponsored Scholarship and/or fellowship (directly administered to recipients by the Australian Government)
- Not apply for a category in which they have already completed an Endeavour Scholarship or Fellowship.

Selection Process

Each applicant is assessed based on:

- A record of high-level academic achievement and/or relevant work experience in the applicant's chosen field of study (40%)
- A well-defined study, research and/or professional programme (20%)
- A statement on how the international study, research or professional development opportunity would further the applicant's academic and/or professional career (20%)
- A statement on how the international study, research or professional development opportunity will benefit Australia and the applicant's potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with their home and host country (10%)
- A statement in support of the applicant's service to the community. Unpaid service within the applicant's field of expertise or community service in outside capacities (10%)

Category	Programme	Duration	Tuition (up to)	Other	Total Value $AUD
Endeavour Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship	Long-term research towards an Australian PhD or postdoctoral research	1 - 2 years	$12,500 per semester	n/a	Up to $130,500
Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship	Long- term study/research towards an Australian Masters or PhD	Up to 2 years* (6-12 months study + 2-12 months optional internship)	$10,000 per semester	$5,000 (approved internship)	Up to $69,500
Endeavour Research Fellowship *(Including Australia Cheung Kong and Australia India Education Council)*	Short-term research towards an Australian Masters, PhD or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	n/a	n/a	Up to $24,500
Endeavour Research Fellowship for Indigenous Australians	Short-term research towards an Australian Masters, PhD or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	n/a	n/a	Up to $24,500
Endeavour Executive Fellowship	Professional Development	1 - 4 months	n/a	n/a	Up to $18,500

*For Australian Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarship recipients the monthly stipend will only be paid up to 12 months on a pro-rata basis.

Tips for success

- Read the guidelines thoroughly
- Allow enough time to submit a high quality application
- Check supporting documentation is included
- Think about what you are trying to achieve
- Refer to selection criteria. The selection criteria are used to assess your application.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted using the Endeavour online application system.

Want more information?

Before contacting the Department, please visit the Endeavour website and read the Frequently Asked Questions and Applicant Guidelines.

Department of Education and Training
Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships
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6. FRANK KNOX MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Background

The Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships were established at Harvard University in 1945 as a gift from Annie Reid Knox, wife of the late Frank Knox.

Knox, who served as U.S. Secretary of the Navy in the 1940s and was a highly regarded politician and businessman, believed that strong ties between the United States and Britain were essential to international peace.

The Frank Knox Fellowship program is administered by the General Scholarships Committee at Harvard.

Why apply for a Frank Knox Fellowship?

If you are successful in being awarded a Frank Knox Fellowship, you are seen as a potential leader in your field that possesses the strength of character, keen mind, balanced judgement and a devotion to the democratic ideal.

The Scholarship offers you the opportunity to pursue graduate study at Harvard University which is ranked in the top 10 Universities in the world (QS Rankings).

Benefits at a glance

The Frank Knox Fellowship covers:

- Full Harvard tuition
- Mandatory health insurance fees
- A stipend sufficient to cover the living expenses of a single Fellow for a 10-month academic year.

Knox Fellowship funding is guaranteed for up to two years of study at Harvard for students in degree programs requiring more than one year of study.

Eligibility Criteria

Knox Fellowships are open to men and women who:

- Are citizens of Australia at the time of application and who are normally residing in Australia; and
- Have completed or will complete a first or higher degree at an Australian university; and
- Are studying for a first or higher degree and will graduate in the academic year 2016-2017; OR have completed a first or higher degree and graduated no earlier than 2012.

Apply for 2018/2019*

Open: **1 June 2017**
Close: **1 December 2017**

*Application dates for current UNSW students.

Selection Process

Candidates will be selected on the basis of:

- Academic excellence
- Strength of character
- Potential for leadership in the applicant's field.

Fellowship offers will be determined based on the recommendations from Australian Universities, Harvard University admission decisions, and the review by the Committee on General Scholarships.

How to apply

Current UNSW students must apply via the UNSW Scholarships Manager (Ms. Filiz Block). Graduates apply directly to Harvard.

Applicants must supply the following documentation:

- A completed and signed Fellowship application form, which is attainable from the Frank Knox Fellowship website.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Short essay of no more than 1,000 words, which provides an account of the applicant's academic pursuits, intellectual interests, extra-curricular activities and the reasons for his/her desire to study at Harvard University; the essay should also explain the applicant's plan of study at Harvard and his/her future career plans
- Certified copies of all academic transcripts
- Two confidential letters of recommendation

Want more information?

Before contacting UNSW Scholarships please visit the Frank Knox website for more information.

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7. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Background

Established in Australia in 1949 through a binational treaty between the Australian and U.S. Governments, the program has supported almost 4,800 Scholarships.

Australian-American Fulbright Commission offers Scholarships to Australian Citizens across all career stages.

Scholarship Categories

Postgraduate Scholarships
Allows postgraduate students undertaking their Australian PhD to conduct research in the U.S. OR supports postgraduate students no currently enrolled in a degree program to undertake a U.S. postgraduate program such as a Master's.

Postdoctoral Scholarships
Allows Australian researchers who have completed their PhD in the past three years (up to five years under extenuating circumstances) to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S.

Senior Scholarship
Allows senior level academics to undertake research at a U.S. institution. This may include:

- Scholars of established reputation working in an academic institution who teach and undertake research.
- Senior members of academically-based professions who are currently engaged in the private practice of their profession.

Fulbright-Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy
For Australian postgraduate students with strong academic credentials and leadership potential to undertake a Masters degree the United States in an area that supports Mrs Wexler's binational interests in the field of public policy. These may include, but are not limited, to key areas such as health, sustainability, education, energy, climate change, regional security, political science, history or governmental relations.

Apply for 2018

Close: **1 August 2017**

Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences (sponsored by Kansas State University)
For an exceptional Australian Professor to carry out research at Kansas State University in the U.S. The Distinguished Chair is viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program.

Indigenous Scholarship
For an Indigenous Scholar to undertake a research or study program in the U.S. and is available in any field of academic study, across any category (Postgraduate, Postdoctoral, Professional and Senior.

Why apply for a Fulbright Scholarship?

Since its establishment, The Fulbright Program has grown to become the largest and one of the most prestigious educational exchange programs in the world.

Benefits at a glance

- Professional Network – Alumni & US / International connections & collaborations
- Enrichment seminars in U.S. with international Fulbright Scholars
- Fulbright Alumni support network
- Academic Training (for postgraduates) – one year to legally work in your field of study in the U.S. following completion of study / research
- Access to travel grants including Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Grant to enrich Fulbright experience
- Travel and living allowance for up to 12 months depending on the Scholarship
- Note: The cost of obtaining a postgraduate degree from a U.S. university can be as much as USD $40,000 per year. For this reason, applicants should investigate additional funding sources from their universities along with private and government sources as the Fulbright Scholarship will only cover living and travel expenses

Eligibility Criteria

For all Scholarship categories, applicants must:

- Must be an Australia Citizen
- Cannot hold dual US-Australian Citizenship
- Apply in 2017 for the 2018 round – successful applicants must undertake program between 1st July 2018 and 30th June 2019
- Have completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent
- Not already hold another scholarship for the period/project you plan to undertake on your Fulbright scholarship
- Secure placement with a primary U.S. Institution

In addition to the above criteria, applicants are encouraged to visit the Fulbright Scholarships website for further information on specific eligibility criterions for each Scholarship category.

Selection Process

Applicants are selected by panels of experts chosen from academia, government, professional organisations and the U.S. Embassy.

Selection is on the basis of:

- High academic and professional merit
- Relevance of program proposal to the interests of the applicant, along with both Australia and the United States.
- Potential outcomes to the applicant's institution, profession, employer and/or industry.
- Ambassadorial skills
- Adaptability

Tips for success

Good Planning

- Understand what Fulbright is and why it best fits your academic goals
- Research and identify the best Scholarships for you and consider multiple options
- When & how will it fit with your studies?
- Identify and negotiate with the host institutions that suit you
- Plan ahead of time
- Good professional guidance and supportive referees

Application

- Understand and address Scholarship focus
- Write it in plain English (multidisciplinary)
- Get someone outside your field to proof read
- Select and brief your referees
- Submit on time and ensure it is complete
- Apply as if it is your DESTINY

Interview

- Prepare
- Highlight and value add relevant to application
- Be prepared to discuss why you and your proposal are suitable for the Scholarship, in plain English
- Be aware of options and how it will happen
- Engage the committee

How to apply

Applications are currently open and must be submitted online on the Fulbright website.

Want more information?

Before contacting Fulbright please visit the Fulbright website and read the Frequently Asked Questions and Applicant Guidelines.

Australian-American Fulbright Commission
E: program@fulbright.com.au
W: www.fulbright.com.au

8. RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

Background

Established in 1903, under the will of Cecil Rhodes, the Rhodes scholarships are the oldest and perhaps the most prestigious international graduate scholarship program in the world.

Each year, there are nine Scholarships available in Australia to enable outstanding students – chosen on the basis of exceptional intellect, character, leadership, and commitment to service – to study at the University of Oxford.

Why apply for a Rhodes Scholarship?

Through this program, the Scholarship aims to develop outstanding leaders who would be motivated to fight 'the world's fight' and to 'esteem the performance of public duties as their highest aim', and to promote international understanding and peace.

Rhodes scholars have gone on to serve at the forefront of government, the professions, commerce, the arts, education, research and other domains. They are known advocates for expanded social justice and have advanced the frontiers of science and medicine.

Benefits at a glance

A Rhodes Scholarship covers:

- All University and College fees (including application fee)
- A personal stipend which is fixed by the Trustees (£14,276 p.a.)
- Private health insurance (BUPA)
- One economy class airfare to Oxford at the start of the Scholarship, as well as an economy flight back to the student's home country at the conclusion of the Scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria (for Australia)

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen (resident in Australia for at least five of the last ten years)
- Have completed (or due to complete by December 2017) either at least four years of undergraduate study or an equivalent combination of undergraduate and postgraduate study.
- Must be no older than 26 years at the commencement of studies at the University of Oxford.
- Must be available for interview usually held in October
- Not applied for a Rhodes scholarship two or more times before.

Apply for 2018

Open: **3 July 2017**
Close: **4 September 2017**

Selection Process

The selection criteria, as found in the Will of Cecil Rhodes, govern selection across all Rhodes constituencies. They are:

- Literary and scholastic attainments
- Energy to use one's talents to the full
- Truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship
- Moral force of character and instincts to lead, and to take an interest in one's fellow beings.

Selection committees are made up of Rhodes Scholars and community leaders from diverse backgrounds.

Resources available

Academic staff at UNSW, including former Rhodes Scholars and Oxford graduates.

Tips for success

Talk over application well before due date regarding:

- CV Preparation
- Referee selection (6)
- Personal statement

Each of these (incl. references) should address as much as possible the four key selection criteria.

Referees
Referees (6) must be chosen carefully. Usually 3 academic referees, plus 1 covering school activities and 2 relating to community/sports.

Personal Statement
Drafting personal statement is a challenging process (talk through with selected friends/advisers).

Interview
Be prepared for wide ranging questions at the interview.

Other Options
Don't unduly emphasise the Rhodes, apply also for other Scholarships (motivation, career ambitions etc. are more important). Most who make the final short list will be successful in other applications.

Important Points to remember when preparing your application

- You can make an application for the Scholarship whilst still in the process of completing Honours. Law is not awarded at Honours level at UNSW, so as an alternative, a 'Statement of Excellence' is required from the Dean.
- If you have not undertaken an Honours year, ensure that the reason for this decision is incorporated within your personal statement and be ready to answer this question if you are selected for interview. Always explain why you made your choices. It is important to note that if you have not undertaken Honours, you would normally need particularly good results in your pass degree in order to be selected for interview.
- There is no formula for your academic background for admission to the Rhodes program. If there are 'imperfections' in your academic record, describe the reasons why in your personal statement.
- The personal statement component of your application is critical in reaching the interview. This is not a re-working of your curriculum vitae. Covering your motivations, aspirations and future plans, this is your opportunity to explain why you should be chosen and why you would be a leader.
- If you receive an offer of a Scholarship in 2017, you would be required to begin your program at Oxford in 2018.
- If you are unsuccessful, you may re-apply for the Scholarship as many times as you wish up until you exceed the cut-off age of 25 years.

How to apply

1. ***Review the Rhodes website and create an account to open an application form online***
   Applications for Rhodes Scholarships open during the spring and summer of the preceding year.

Want more information?

Before contacting Rhodes please visit the Rhodes website and read the Frequently Asked Questions and Applicant Guidelines.

Discuss your potential application with one of UNSW's Rhodes Scholars
Contact is made via Filiz Block
Manager, UNSW Scholarships
E:f.block@unsw.edu.au

Contact the Honorary Secretary to the NSW Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee to discuss your application
Dr. William Adams
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9. Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation

Background

In 1979, Black Women's Action group (of which Roberta Sykes was a founding member) raised funds for Roberta to attend Harvard University, and in 1984 Roberta graduated from Harvard as the first Indigenous Australian to graduate from an American university.

Throughout the rest of the 1980's the group encouraged the development of higher educational aspirations in their Indigenous community. In 1990, Black Women's Action became registered as a tax-deductable foundation with more of a focus on education in the broader Indigenous community, and in 2008 they changed their name to the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation.

Why apply for a Roberta Sykes Scholarship?

Supporting Indigenous students for over 25 years, the Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation offers a number of students the opportunity to undertake postgraduate study at leading universities each year.

Benefits at a glance

Roberta Sykes Harvard Club Scholarship
This Scholarship provides funding to Indigenous postgraduate students who wish to undertake study at Harvard University.
The value of the scholarship is up to $60,000 p.a. to be paid over the course of the scholar's study. The Scholarship covers:

- University and college fees
- Travel costs
- Living expenses

Roberta Sykes Scholarships
This Scholarship provides supplementary financial assistance to Indigenous postgraduate students who wish to undertake studies at a recognised overseas institution.
The value of the scholarship is up to $30,000 for the period of one year, paid directly to the recipient in equal instalments at the start of each semester.

Roberta Sykes Fellowship
This scholarship provides partial funding for Indigenous postgraduate students to undertake research, at a recognised overseas academic institution, as part of their Australian postgraduate study program.

Apply for 2018

Please visit the Roberta Sykes Foundation website for open and close dates. There are multiple deadlines and they vary between scholarships.

The value of the scholarship is up to $20,000, depending on the period of study.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible applicants must:

- Have an undergraduate degree with a strong academic record
- Be accepted into a postgraduate coursework or research degree at a recognized overseas university
- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such by the community in which they live or have lived
- Be able to demonstrate that they have, or will have, sufficient funds to support themselves during the course of their postgraduate degree (such as through another scholarship, private sponsorship or personal funds)
- Be able to demonstrate that their studies will be of benefit to their community upon their return to Australia

Selection Process

Selection of successful applicants will be based on:

- Academic merit
- Financial need
- The applicant's past and future contributions to Indigenous communities and to Australia.

How to Apply

Applications are submitted through the International Scholarships Coordinator. The application form can be found on the Roberta Sykes Foundation webpage.

Want more information?

Before contacting the Roberta Sykes Foundation please refer to their website for full details on the scholarships they offer.

The Roberta Sykes Indigenous Education Foundation
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10. THE GENERAL SIR JOHN MONASH AWARDS

Background

The General Sir John Monash Foundation is a charitable organization established in Australia in 2001. Its purpose is to raise funds for, and to administer, Australia's prestigious postgraduate scholarships - the John Monash Scholarships - to recognise excellence and leadership.

Why apply for a John Monash Scholarship?

John Monash Scholars immediately achieve national and local recognition through the publicity offered to the Scholarships. Over the longer term, the Scholars are part of a growing community of outstanding young Australian leaders aspiring to advance our nation.

Benefits at a glance

Between 10 and 20 postgraduate Scholarships are available, depending on the quality of the candidates, each valued at AUD $65,000 per year for a maximum of three years (up to AUD $195,000).

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen;
- Have completed or be about to complete an undergraduate degree from an Australian University; and
- Be planning to undertake postgraduate study at an overseas university commencing in the calendar year following the year of application and selection.

The Scholarships support any postgraduate degree however the applicant must be able to argue the merits of the chosen course and institution.

Selection Process

In awarding John Monash Scholarships, factors considered include:

- **Outstanding Intellect*:*** Demonstrated by academic excellence; excellence can also be demonstrated through prizes, awards, conference presentations, publications, performance and exhibition (for arts candidates);
- **Leadership*:*** Demonstrated and potential - within or outside an Applicant's field of study or professional field; Citizenship – community service;

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Close: **1 August 2017**

- **Program***:* a defined research project or study program to be conducted at an overseas University. Applicants will need to justify why this is the right program, at the right point in their career, at the right institution.

- **Proposed Career Trajectory*:*** a credible and concrete pathway, addressing an issue the applicant is passionate about, which is of benefit to Australia;

- Two referee reports supporting the applicant's profile.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted online on the General Sir John Monash Foundation website.

Want more information?

Before contacting the General Sir John Monash Foundation, please visit the John Monash website for more information.

General Sir John Monash Foundation
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W: http://johnmonash.com/

11. Westpac Future Leader Scholarship

Background

The Westpac Scholarship Program is an initiative of the Westpac Bicentennial Foundation. The Foundation is celebrating Westpac's 200th anniversary in 2017 with a $100 million gift to future generations of Australians. With the sole aim of educating and advancing Australians, we'll ensure those with a passion to contribute to our nation's growth and prosperity have every chance to do so.

Why apply for Westpac Future Leader Scholarship?

Whether your focus is Asia, new technology or social change we're offering postgraduate study for talented individuals at Australia's leading universities. Scholars will be exceptional people, chosen for their potential to make a difference to Australia's future in one of our three focus areas:

1. Strengthening Australia-Asia ties
2. Enabling positive social change
3. Technology and Innovation

Valued at up to $120,000 over, typically, 2-3 years, scholarships will be awarded annually for research or coursework studies at graduate level.

Benefits at a glance

A key feature of the Future Leaders Scholarship is the Leadership Development Program, developed specifically for our Scholars.
You'll experience leadership development beyond the classroom. This nine-month program supports you to build on your strengths, develop targeted leadership capabilities, create career pathways and succeed in your field.
The Leadership Development program provides relevant experiences, exposure to global thought leaders and explores key topics related to our focus areas.
The Leadership Development Program was created in collaboration with recognised experts in leadership excellence, including several leading Australian universities

Apply for 2018

Open: **15 June 2017**
Close: **5 September 2017**

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident
- You have completed an undergraduate degree within the last five years, OR will complete an undergraduate degree in the year of application
- You have achieved or are on track to achieve an average result of H1 or H2A equivalent (approx. 75%)
- You have chosen to undertake a full-time Masters by coursework or research of a PhD at one of our nine participating universities with demonstrated world-class capability in the proposed area of study
- You must commence study following the year of the application.
- Your proposed program of study:
    - Can be in any field and must be relevant to the Foundation's focus areas
    - Include international opportunities, such as a period of study at an overseas university, an invited presentation at a conference significant to the discipline, or a period of internship or placement at an overseas organisation, which will develop your leadership skills and global networks
    - Underpin a worthy and viable post-study plan that benefits Australia

How to apply

Applications must be submitted online on the Westpac Bicentennial scholarship website

Want more information?

Westpac Bicentennial Foundation
E: westpacscholars@westpac.com.au
W:http://bicentennial.westpacgroup.com.au/scholarships/future-leaders/

12. STUDY & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN BRITAIN

Background

Aside from Rhodes Scholarships and CAF Scholarships, Britain offers a range of scholarships with some of the top universities in the world.

UK education is all about giving students the inspiration to help develop their skills, the freedom to be creative, and the support them need to achieve their best.

Why study in Britain?

- Four of the top 10 universities in the world are in the UK (World rankings, QS)
- UK is a world-leading research nation, Researchers in the UK gain more citations and usage per article, and write more articles individually, than anywhere else in the world (International Comparative Performance of the UK Research Base, BIS)
- Long tradition - old and famous/new and innovative universities
- Huge range of courses
- Students in the UK can enjoy the beautiful countryside, historic sites, music and culture.
- Student support services
- Subject relevant to post-grad studies

What can I study?

In the UK, the standard academic year starts in September or October and runs until June or July. Some courses are more flexible, however, and offer a range of start dates.

- Masters by Coursework
- Masters by Research (18mth – 2 years)
- PhD/DPhil (3 years)
- New Route PhD Taught/ Research/ Professional development (4 years)

Next Steps

- Research the institutions and courses you want to pursue
- Seek advice from the institution
- Check with professional association: are UK qualifications relevant?
- Apply directly to institution
- Plan 12 months -18 months ahead & check funding opportunities at the same time

Want more information?

British Council Education UK
E: general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org
W: www.educationuk.org/

13. STUDY & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN CANADA

Background

According to the QS Best Student Cities in 2017 survey; Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver are ranked in the top 20 cities in the world for students to study. Canada's standard of living is amongst the best in the world.

Canadians highly value their education system and spend more on higher education as a share of GDP than any other country in the G8.

Why study in Canada?

High academic standards
Canada offers a range of graduate programs (including PhDs and professional degrees) from 92 accredited universities. Eight of which are ranked in the top 200 in the world (Institute of Higher Education Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2011).

Canada's academic calendar is September to December and January to April.

Beautiful environment
Nature at its best: majestic mountains in the west to picturesque shores in the east.

Cost-effective
Tuition fees in Canada generally the least expensive compared to NZ, Australia, UK and USA. Cost of tuition and living are far lower than in other major study destinations.

Scholarships

The majority of Canadian universities offer some form of financial assistance for international students studying at the graduate level, although universities differ in what they offer.

Consult with the institution you plan to attend (funding varies from department to department).

Canadian Research Funding

Government of Canada
Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) is responsible for the Government of Canada's participation in major International Scholarship Programs. Website lists Scholarships for non-Canadians and Canadians.
W: www.Scholarships.gc.ca

Canada Research Chairs (CRC)
Research professorships to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished minds.
W: www.chairs.gc.ca

Canada Excellence Research Chairs (CERC)
Research professorships of up to $10 million, over 7 years, in priority areas.
W: www.cerc.gc.ca

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships
Prestigious two-year fellowships worth C$70,000 per year to attract top-tier postdoctoral researchers
W: www.banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships
Prestigious Scholarship scheme to attract and retain world-class doctoral students C$50,000 per year over 3 years
W: www.vanier-cgs-bes.gc.ca/

International Council for Canadian Studies
ICCS Graduate Scholarships and Awards: Graduate Student Scholarships; Postdoctoral Fellowships; Publishing fund; Governor General's International Award in Canadian Studies; Pierre Savard Awards; Best Doctoral Thesis in Canadian Studies; Certificates of Merit.
W: www.iccs-ciec.ca

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)
Invests in people, discovery and innovation to advance knowledge in the natural sciences and engineering
W: www.nserc.ca

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
Invests in research that improves Canadians' health, health care system and quality of life.
W: www.cihr.ca

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Promotes and supports Canadian university-based research and training in the social sciences and humanities, including research that builds knowledge and expertise on social, cultural, technological, environmental, economic and health issues.
W: www.sshrc.ca

National Research Council (NRC)
NRC Research Associate Program: 2-5 year fellowships for PhD graduates in natural science or engineering or Master's graduates in engineering, with degree earned within the last five years, or to be completed within six months. Open to nationals of all countries.
W: www.nrc.ca

Ontario: International Strategic Opportunities Program
Supports strategic collaboration between Ontario research institutions and the global research community
W: www.mri.gov.on.ca

Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions & Technology Futures
Supports biomedical and health research and provides leadership & strategic investments in the priority areas of ICT, nanotechnology and omics (genomics, metagenomics etc.). Includes training programs - undergraduate summer programs, graduate Scholarships, postdoctoral fellowships. Also visiting researchers programs, interdisciplinary team research grants and recruitment to Alberta universities.
W: www.albertainnovates.ca

Québec: International Research & Innovation
Supports the linkage and visibility of Québec research and innovation with international initiatives
W: www.gouv.qc.ca

L'association internationale des etudes québécoises (AIEQ)
Promotes and develops Québec studies in Canada and abroad. Includes research and teaching grants, support for Québec participation in international conferences, internships and postdoctoral Scholarships and awards for excellence in Québec studies
W: www.aieq.qc.ca

Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF)
Supports policy research and informed discussion on Canada's relations with Asia
W: www.asiapacific.ca

Killam Trusts
Supports advanced education and research at the Canada Council of Arts & five Canadian universities: University of Alberta; University of British Columbia; Calgary University; Dalhousie University; McGill University
W: www.killamlaureates.ca

What can I study?

Masters
Usually two years.
Some MBA's 15 months.

PhD
Maximum 6 years.
2-3 years fulltime residency required.
Deadline for applications to commence in September between December & March – check with individual university.

Canada's Top Research Universities

University of Alberta www.prospective.ualberta.ca

University of British Columbia
www.grad.ubc.ca/awards

McGill University
www.mcgill.ca/gps

McMaster University
future.mcmaster.ca

Queen's University
queensu.ca/sgs/

University of Toronto
www.sgs.utoronto.ca/Pages/default.aspx

Next Steps

- Research the institutions and courses you want to pursue.
- Contact the University in regards to entry requirements and the application process (course, scholarship and visa application).
- Apply early, minimum 8 months in advance!

Want more information?

The Canadian Education Centre
Canadian High Commission, Canberra
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W: www.canadainternational.gc.ca/australia-australie

14. STUDY & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Background

The United States is the world's number one destination for international students.

It contains many of the world's top universities, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology which is ranked 1st on the QS Top University rankings in 2016. The US remains the source of most of the world's ground-breaking developments in technology, business and arts.

Why study in the United States?

- Eight universities ranked in the top 10 in the world (Institute of Higher Education Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2010).
- Academic period between September to May.

Scholarships/fellowships

- Fulbright Scholarships
- Menzies and Knox Scholarships
- The General Sir John Monash Award
- American Australian Association
- Hauser Global Scholars (NYU Master's in Law)
- Lionel Murphy (Law and/or Science)
- American Association of University Women.
- American University

United States Top Universities

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
- Princeton University
- Yale University
- University of Chicago
- University of Pennsylvania
- Columbia University
- John Hopkins University

Next Steps

1. ***Research your options***
   You should start researching at least 12-18 months prior to the academic year in which you want to attend a U.S. college or university.

2. ***Finance your studies***
   Plan ahead; applications for financial aid go together with applications for admissions so find out what scholarships are available at the institution you want to study and apply on time!

3. ***Complete your application***
   Applying for U.S. study takes time and concentration as each application is different and involves collecting recommendations, writing essays, and routing the results of required standard examinations. Plan to give this step the time it deserves for a successful result!

   Applications vary by university (as early as 1 December)

4. ***Apply for your Student Visa***
   Information pertaining to visas and travel can be found on the U.S. Department of State's Buearu of Consular Affairs website and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Study in the States.

5. ***Prepare for your departure***
   The final step in your pursuit to study in the U.S. is to finalise your travel arrangements, attend a pre-departure orientation at your local EducationUSA centre or online, gather pre-departure materials and documents for arrival, as well as report to your school and attend orientations.

Want more information?

EducationUSA
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