



THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
International Education Network

AUSTRALIA-EUROPE SCHOLARSHIPS 2004

FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

Offered in:

France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Greece,
Slovenia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, and Switzerland

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Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

A. OVERVIEW

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The Australia-Europe Scholarships aim to strengthen Australia's education and research relationships with its bilateral partners in Europe. The Scholarships enable scholars to undertake postgraduate study or research judged to be of benefit to both the individual and the relationship between Australia and the countries in which they are offered (the "designated countries"). They are one of the many initiatives taken by the Australian Government to provide such persons with the opportunity to pursue programmes in Australia and to raise international awareness of Australian expertise.

The Australia-Europe Scholarships are funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) and are administered by IDP Education Australia on behalf of DEST.

The structure of the Australia-Europe Scholarships, including the format (number, duration and benefits), designated countries, preferred placements, target disciplines and application procedures, is reviewed periodically to ensure their continued effectiveness.

You may wish to access the official Australian Government website, <http://studyinaustralia.gov.au>, for advice on study in Australia. On the site, you will find impartial and reliable information about courses, institutions, study and living costs, the application process, visa requirements and more.

COORDINATION AND PROMOTION

The Australia-Europe Scholarships are coordinated by DEST and IDP Education Australia and promoted by Australian Embassies.

In 2003, 15 Australia-Europe Scholarships will be offered in ten countries for the 2004 Australian academic year, for scholars to undertake a programme in Australia of ad hoc postgraduate study or research, of up to 12 months' duration.

DESIGNATED COUNTRIES

Information on designated countries and contact details for the 2004 round are detailed in Part F.

*Please note the term "designated countries" refers to one of the ten countries offered an award/s from the Australian-Europe Scholarships. **At no time does the phrase "designated country" refer to Australia.***

STUDY PROGRAMME

The aim of the Scholarship study programme is to promote enduring links between Australian education and training institutions and those in the designated country, or otherwise enhance the bilateral relationship.

The Scholarship programme can either contribute to:

- a formal course (Masters or PhD) in which the scholar is currently enrolled (university or higher education institution) in the designated country, and intends to complete; or
- the development of specific knowledge and skills which will assist the Candidate on return.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

Benefits for a maximum period of up to 12 months include:

- one international economy class return airfare by the most direct route between the designated country and Australia, and related travel insurance;
- visa and any medical examination costs related to visa, health or travel insurance;
- basic health insurance costs while in Australia (those with chronic medical conditions may need to take out additional health insurance at their own cost);
- reasonable domestic travel costs, agreed in the award budget and programme approved by DEST for conferences or other research activities;
- enrolment, course and tuition fees for approved study (paid directly to the Host Institution);
- an annual stipend of A\$23,294, paid fortnightly;
- a settling-in allowance of one month's stipend, A\$1,941.17, paid on arrival in Australia; and
- a materials allowance, A\$970.58, paid each semester.

The stipend and allowances are designed to cover all additional costs not listed above, including books, equipment, fieldwork and the production of any reports. Scholarship holders will be expected to meet these costs, as they arise, from the stipends and allowances.

The Scholarship provides no financial support for spouses or other dependants.

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

- Scholarship holders must be citizens or permanent residents of the designated country and should be physically resident in that country at the time of application for the award.
- Candidates for Scholarships should have completed an undergraduate degree, or equivalent.
- Candidates for Scholarships must have demonstrated fluency in spoken and written English.
- Candidates for Scholarships should be able to demonstrate existing links with academic or research institutions in their own country.
- Scholarships are tenable for a maximum period of 12 months and work on the programme must commence no earlier than 1 January 2004 and no later than 31 July 2004. Deferment is not possible.
- Scholarships under this programme cannot be held in conjunction with any other Australian Government scholarship, award, bursary or subsidy.
- Study or research conducted under this Scholarship programme cannot be used towards the award of an Australian degree.
- Scholarship holders must follow the approved programme and abide by the rules of the Host Institution.
- Scholarship holders are expected to reside in Australia throughout the award period and to seek prior approval for any overseas visits from both the proposed Host Institution and IDP Education Australia. Stipend payments are not payable during overseas visits outside of Australia.
- Scholarship holders may not normally undertake paid employment during their tenure. In all cases where Scholarship holders wish to take paid employment, prior approval must be obtained from IDP Education Australia.
- Any changes to the successful Candidate's programme, itinerary or budget must have the prior approval of IDP Education Australia.
- The Host Institution must notify IDP Education Australia of any circumstances that could lead to the suspension of the Scholarship. Stipends are not payable during suspensions, including suspension due to illness. Scholarship holders may wish to consider taking out private insurance.

- The Scholarship may be terminated at any time for unsatisfactory conduct, for breaches of the conditions of the Scholarship, or for failure to make satisfactory progress. Progress will be assessed against the budget and activities agreed to prior to commencing the Scholarship.
- At the conclusion of the Scholarship, Scholarship holders must return to their designated country.

PUBLICITY

In all printed or electronic material or input to news media about the Scholarship and the research being undertaken and in all material produced as a result of the support provided by the Scholarship, the Scholarship holder shall acknowledge the financial and other support received from DEST as “an Australia-Europe Scholarship funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Science and Training and promoted by AEI, the Australian Government International Education Network”.

The Australian Government reserves the right to refer to Scholarship holders in media releases and to the Scholarship programmes being undertaken.

LODGING APPLICATIONS

Applications must be lodged with IDP Education Australia, by **Friday, 29 August 2003**. Late applications will not be considered.

Candidates must ensure that all items listed in the Checklist in the application form are provided with their application. For example, the Candidate must arrange acceptance into the programme of study or research with the Australian Host Institution in advance. Evidence of this acceptance must be provided with the application. Applications that are not accompanied by evidence of acceptance into the programme by the Australian Host Institution will not be considered.

Candidates should read carefully the Conditions of the Scholarship set out in this part of the form.

IDP Education Australia will notify candidates of the outcome of their application.

B. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by the Selection Panel.

1. The capacity of the Candidate’s programme to promote enduring links between Australian education and training institutions and those in the designated country, or otherwise enhance the bilateral relationship. Assessment of this criterion will include consideration of:
 - the objectives and intended outcomes of the programme of study, training or research provided as part of the application;
 - the Candidate’s potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in the designated country on his or her return from Australia; and
 - why it is desirable for the programme to be undertaken in Australia.
2. The Candidate’s academic excellence supported by academic records, references, testimonials and evidence of relevant study, research or work experience.
3. The Candidate’s demonstrated fluency in spoken and written English.
 - For Candidates from non-English speaking countries, this must be evidenced by a score on an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic Module) or Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or another such recognised test of English language ability accepted by DEST for this purpose, submitted at the time of application.

- Where Candidates' fluency in spoken and written English is evidenced by a score on an IELTS test, Candidates must have a score of at least IELTS 6.5 (Academic Module).
- Where Candidates' fluency in spoken and written English is evidenced by a score on a TOEFL test, Candidates must have a score of at least TOEFL 580, including a score of 4.5 in the Test of Written English (TWE), or a score of 230 in the computer-based TOEFL, including an Essay Rating score of 4.5.

NOTE: Medical Examination

Candidates may be required to undertake a medical examination to satisfy visa requirements for entry into Australia and for health or travel insurance purposes. For successful Candidates, DEST will reimburse such examination costs on production of documentation acceptable to DEST. Should any delays arise in relation to medical assessments, DEST may, at its absolute discretion, withdraw the offer of the Scholarship.

C. RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUSTRALIAN HOST INSTITUTION

The Australian Host Institution must:

- ensure the suitability of the Candidate to undertake the Scholarship programme;
- obtain final approval from IDP Education Australia, in consultation with DEST, of the proposed programme, itinerary and budget for the Scholarship holder (prospective host institutions should note IDP Education Australia administers finances);
- confirm details of the approved programme to the Scholarship holder prior to their arrival;
- ensure the Scholarship holder receives the full entitlement under the Scholarship (see Scholarship Benefits in Part A), including any additional support which the Institution may have offered as part of the application;
- identify and address any impediments to the Scholarship holder's progress and report to IDP Education Australia on issues that may delay the Scholarship holder's progress;
- ensure the Scholarship holder adheres to the conditions of the award; and
- arrange travel, reception and accommodation for the Scholarship holder.

D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Within 30 days of the Scholarship holder completing the first six months of the Scholarship programme, the Host Institution and the scholarship holder must provide a Progress Report to IDP Education Australia detailing:

- progress to date; and
- activities planned for the next 6 months.

Within 60 days of the Scholarship holder completing the programme, the Host Institution and the scholarship holder must submit to IDP Education Australia a Final Report which:

- identifies the outcomes of the programme of study or research, including the benefits of the visit to the Host Institution and any other participating organisations;
- details proposed follow-up action in Australia and the designated country, especially in terms of ongoing international linkages; and
- details additional funding or support provided by the Host Institution or others as indicated in the original application (if applicable).

E. APPLICATION FORM

The application form must be completed in English and should be typewritten or written in legible black ink. The original and three copies of the application form and the certified English translations, where applicable, of each of the supporting documents are required.

If more space is required for any item, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to the form.

Please ensure that you have read and comply with the Conditions of the Scholarship set out in Part A.

Please note the requirements listed in the Checklist at Item 7 below.

Country of application*

*It is the responsibility of successful Candidates to apply for, and satisfy the requirements for, the issue of an appropriate entry visa to Australia. The offer of an award does not guarantee the granting of a visa.

1. PERSONAL DETAILS OF CANDIDATE (PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS)

Please indicate (i.e., ✓):

Prof Dr Mr Ms Mrs Miss

Surname	Given Names	ATTACH PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH HERE
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Permanent Home Address		
<input type="text"/>		
<input type="text"/>	Telephone (Private)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Mailing Address	Telephone (Business)	Country of Permanent Residence
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Fax	Citizenship
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	Email	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Place of Birth (City and Country)	Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Name, address, phone number and relationship to Candidate of person to be informed in case of emergency

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>
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2. ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND

Record of tertiary education or professional experience (in chronological order). Please include details of current course and level or current position (whichever is applicable).

Academic

Institution	Place and Country	Length of Course	Year Graduated	Degrees, Diplomas gained

Academic distinctions, prizes received and other awards

Publications and titles of theses submitted for any degree (state degree, whether successful, giving details and dates)

Employment

Current employer's name and nature of business
Date began:

Has the Candidate applied for any other Scholarship for study in Australia? Yes No

If yes, please provide details

3. DETAILS OF HOME INSTITUTION WHERE CURRENTLY ENROLLED

Name of Institution:.....
Department, School or Faculty:.....
Degree:
Contact Person:.....
Telephone Number: Fax Number:
Email:.....

4. DETAILS OF HOST INSTITUTION IN AUSTRALIA

Name of Institution:	
Department, School or Faculty:	
Study Programme/Research:	
Contact Person:.....	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
Email:.....	

5. DETAILS OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The application must include statements from the Candidate and the Host Institution, addressing:

From the Candidate:

- the objectives and intended outcomes of the programme of study, training or research;
- how the programme will benefit the Candidate personally and professionally;
- how the programme will contribute to strengthening the links between Australian education and training institutions and those in the designated country, or otherwise enhancing the bilateral relationship; and
- the intended period for this Scholarship: **From** .../...../..... **To** .../...../.....

Please note that Scholarships are tenable for a maximum period of 12 months. Scholarships must be commenced by 31 July 2004 and must be completed by 31 July 2005.

From the Host Institution:

- evidence that the Candidate will be accepted into the programme of study or research;
- the suitability of the Candidate to undertake the programme, including details of relevant communications with the Candidate;
- the potential of the programme to promote links between Australian institutions and those in the designated country;
- details of the proposed programme, including scope of research/study, planned activities, timetable, location and contact details at each location (once submitted, any changes must have the prior approval of IDP Education Australia); and
- the detailed budget sought for the programme and any contribution, financial or otherwise, to be provided by the Host Institution or other sources.

6. BUDGET

The Scholarship budget applied for is made up of the following items, and will be used accordingly:

International economy class return airfare designated country – Australia (direct route)	A\$
Visa costs	A\$
Travel costs within Australia (to and from host institution, to attend conferences or participate in fieldwork)	A\$
Course fees (may include conferences and other training costs)	A\$
Health insurance costs (Overseas Student Health Cover)	A\$
Other costs for which approval is sought (please attach details by item and cost)	A\$
Stipend payments (\$A1,941.17, which is one month's stipend) X (number of months)	A\$
Settling-in Allowance (up to \$A1,941.17, which is one month's stipend)	A\$
Materials allowance of A\$970.58 paid each semester	A\$
TOTAL FUNDING APPLIED FOR	A\$

7. CHECKLIST

The following documents must be in English, or, where these documents are translations, each must be a certified translation of the original document.

Please indicate (i.e., ✓):

- Statement from Candidate attached;
- Statement from Host Institution attached;
- Certified copy of the Candidate's birth certificate or other proof of age attached;
- Certified copy of the Candidate's current passport showing evidence of citizenship attached;
- Proof of the Candidate's English Language Proficiency: the result of an IELTS (Academic Module) or TOEFL test, or an assessment by another authority recognised by DEST attached;
- Three separate letters of reference for the Candidate from persons under whom the Candidate has studied (for those Candidates who are studying towards a Masters or PhD, one letter of reference should be from a faculty member of the institution where the Candidate is currently completing their studies) attached;
- Candidate's academic record endorsed by the relevant institution, showing the subjects and standards of pass for each, with an explanation of the marking system attached;
- Evidence from the Australian Host Institution that the Candidate will be accepted into the programme of study or research attached; and
- Budget.

8. PRIVACY NOTICE

Before this form may be submitted the Candidate must be aware of the privacy notice below and the declaration must be completed.

The provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988* bind DEST and its contractor, IDP Education Australia. The information collected in this form (and any attachments) will be used for the purposes of assessing the Candidate’s eligibility for this award. The information will be passed to a Selection Committee who will make a recommendation to DEST. Information provided by the Candidate as part of, or relating to, this application may be disclosed to the proposed Host Institution.

Please indicate (i.e., ✓):

THE CANDIDATE IS/ HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE PRIVACY NOTICE.

9. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Before this form may be submitted the Host Institution must be aware of the Terms and Conditions for this award, which are set out in this application form.

Please indicate (i.e., ✓):

THE HOST INSTITUTION IS/ HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

10. DECLARATION BY HOST INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE

I declare that I have had consultations with (name of Candidate).....
..... who is capable of undertaking the proposed programme within the duration of the award.

Name and Position:

Signature: Date:/...../.....

11. DECLARATION BY CANDIDATE

I declare that I am a citizen of, and normally resident in, (country)..... and that the statements made in this application are, to the best of my belief, true, complete and correct. I am resident in (country)..... at the time of submitting this application. If awarded a Scholarship I undertake to return to (country).....at the end of the award period and to observe all of the other conditions of the award.

Signature: Date:/...../.....

F. DESIGNATED COUNTRIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The designated countries and numbers of Scholarships are:

Countries	Number for each country
France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Greece	2
Slovenia *, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Switzerland	1

*Croatia and Slovenia are offered an award on an alternating basis. For 2004, the award will be offered to Slovenia.

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AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL

Australian Education International (AEI) the Australian Government International Education Network is an Australian Government initiative, which works with Australian education and training providers to promote Australian education internationally.

Information on Australian education and training may be found on AEI's Study in Australia website at <http://studyinaustralia.gov.au>.

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