

Chilean Bicentennial Fund PhD Scholarships

Up to 500 Chilean sponsored postgraduate and research students will come to Australia next year under an umbrella agreement signed by Universities Australia and the Government of the Republic of Chile

http://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/documents/policies_programs/international/cagreements/Chile-UniAus-MoU-July08.pdf

The program aims to strengthen Chile's human capital development and the scope and quality of education, scientific and technological research and innovation in areas associated with Chile's socio-economic development.

QUT has finalised an annex to that agreement that provides ten full PhD tuition scholarships a year for Chilean researchers for the next five years. The scholarships cover a wide range of research fields including:

- Agriculture and food industry
- Biotechnology
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Energy
- Environmental issues
- Health
- Education
- Housing and public security

Further information about QUT's research experts in these areas can be found at <http://www.expertguide.qut.edu.au/> To find a supervisor please visit <http://www.rsc.qut.edu.au/future/supervisor/> The Chilean Government will fund students' travel, living and other expenses. The first intake of scholars will be in 2009 and Chilean students already studying in Australia may apply.

QUT's Dean of Graduate Studies, Professor Rod Wissler, said that the scholars would find that QUT's strong emphasis on high-impact research that solves real world problems would be exciting and professionally fulfilling. "We also understand that graduate students for whom English is an additional language will need extra support so we have committed to providing tuition-free English for Academic Purposes programs for these candidates," Professor Wissler said.

The Chile-Universities Australia Cooperation in Human Capital Development scholarship round opens for Chilean students to apply to the Bicentennial Fund for a scholarship to Australia on the 22nd August and runs until 22 September. Students interested in the QUT scholarship should check their eligibility and apply first through the National Commission for Science and Technology Research (CONICYT) <http://www.conicyt.cl/573/channel.html>

QUT's PhD entry requirements and the application process is detailed at <http://www.rsc.qut.edu.au/future/apply/international.jsp>