



Fulbright Scholarships

For Postgraduate study and research in the
United States
Valued up to \$A40,000

A Guideline for Australian PhD Supervisors

Fulbright Scholarships can provide the opportunity for Australian citizens to undertake 8-12 months research in the United States related to their Australian PhD.

Australian PhD students can now stop the clock on their Australian Postgraduate Scholarship (APA, APIA or university based) to undertake international research through another scholarship, such as Fulbright.

Approximately 75- 80% of Fulbright Postgraduate Scholars are now undertaking research towards to their Australian PhD.

The benefits to the Fulbright Scholars and their Australian university include:

- the opportunity to work and build collaborations with leading researchers at some of the top U.S. universities;
- an international marker on their PhD and international joint publications, as a result of the experience; and
- the basis for long term ongoing international research collaborations and exchange between their U.S. host and Australian university.

It provides easy and cost effective access to U.S. research institutions – Scholars are welcomed as Visiting Research Fellows. Fulbright Scholars undertaking research do **not**

- need to sit U.S. university entrance exams;
- apply for admission to the U.S. university;
- or pay U.S. university tuition fees.

Scholars arrange affiliation through personal approaches to U.S. researchers, or links their supervisors or universities have with U.S. universities. This also provides the opportunity for Australian universities and research groups to establish or enhance their collaborative links in the United States.

There are a range of selection criteria for Fulbright Scholarships, of which academic merit is but one. While first class honours is common amongst scholars, Fulbrights have also been granted to second class honours applicants.

Applications for the 2009 Fulbright Scholarships close 31 August 2008. Scholars can commence their Fulbright program any time between 1 July 2009 and the 30 June 2010.

See www.fulbright.com.au for more information, application forms and stories of Fulbright Scholar's experiences.