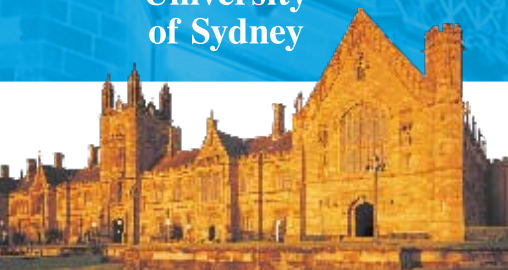




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## NEW CALLS

### International Sciences Linkages: Humanities and Creative Arts Programme

Deadline: 5 October 2009 (noon CBR time)  
<http://www.humanities.org.au/ISL.html>

Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, announced last year Australian Government funding of \$1 million to support international research engagement for the humanities, arts and social sciences. The funding will be offered through the International Science Linkages (ISL) Programme which aims to facilitate and support research cooperation between Australian researchers and leading counterparts overseas.

This new ISL Humanities and Creative Arts (ISL-HCA) Programme will provide targeted support in order to:

- promote access and participation for Australian humanities and creative arts researchers in strategically focused, leading edge, international research; and
- increase strategic alliances between Australian and overseas researchers.

ISL-HCA has two application rounds. The closing date for the first round is 5 October 2009. A second round will take place in early 2010.

In the first round two schemes are offered:

1. International Research Fellowships for early to mid-career researchers to work in collaborative research groups abroad; and
2. Visiting Fellowships for eminent humanities and/or creative arts scholars to visit Australia and participate in seminars and master classes.

These will continue in the second round and will be supplemented by a third scheme:

3. International Collaborative Workshops (more details on the second round will be posted on the website in November).

Visit the above website to download the programme guidelines, application form and cover sheet.

### DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service scholarships

Deadline: 30 September 2009  
<http://ic.daad.de/sydney/scholarship.htm>

DAAD is a joint organisation of German higher education institutions; its purpose is to promote relations abroad, primarily through exchange of students, academics and scientists.

DAAD funding applications for:

- Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates, Young Academics and Scientists;
- Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists;
- Study Scholarships for Graduates of all Disciplines;
- Study Scholarships for Artists.

Detailed information on funding scholarships is available at the above website or via Dr Andreas Jaeger, Director of Information Centre of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)  
E: [daad.australia@gmail.com](mailto:daad.australia@gmail.com)

### FP7 – Cooperation Calls for Collaborative Research Projects

Deadlines: please see Cordis website for deadlines of particular Calls  
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm>

- Health / 6 Open calls
- Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology / 5 Open calls
- Information and Communication Technologies / 5 Open calls
- Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies / 10 Open calls
- Energy / 7 Open calls
- Environment (including Climate Change) / 6 Open calls
- Transport (including Aeronautics) / 10 Open calls
- Space / 1 Open call
- Socio-economic sciences and Humanities / 5 Open calls
- Security / 1 Open call
- General Activities / 1 Open call
- Joint Technology Initiatives (Annex IV-SP1) / 1 Open call



*Details for the FP7 Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities calls for 2010*  
Due: Tuesday 2nd February 2010

The Work Programme contains a number of calls for submission of applications:

- Large-scale integrating research projects with a minimum participation of 7 partners from 7 countries with a minimum requested EC contribution of €6.5m.
- Small or medium-scale focused research projects and Research for the Benefit of Specific Groups — Civil Society Organisations with a maximum requested EC contribution of €2.7m.
- Small or medium-scale focused research projects for specific cooperation actions dedicated to international projects with a maximum requested EC contribution of max. €2.7m.
- Coordination and Support actions.

#### **ERC Starting Grant for Social Sciences and Humanities 2010**

Deadline: Between 28 October and Wednesday 9th December 2009 depending on domain  
[http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/?fuseaction=UserSite.IdeasDetailsCallPage&call\\_id=285](http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/?fuseaction=UserSite.IdeasDetailsCallPage&call_id=285)

The European Research Council (ERC) Starting Independent Researcher Grants are intended to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish or consolidate a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe.

ERC Starting Grants support researchers of any nationality at the stage at which they are starting or consolidating their own independent research team in EU Member States or Associated Countries. The time frame in which the researcher must have been awarded his/her first PhD has been extended compared to the previous call: 2 to 10 years prior to the publication date of the call for proposals of the ERC Starting Grants. Further extensions of this period can be justified due to parental leaves or illnesses; nevertheless in these cases the first PhD must not have been awarded longer than 14.5 years ago.

The researchers will be classified in two groups for the evaluation: 2–6 years — “starters”, and; 6–10 years after their PhD — “consolidators”. Funding is between €100,000 and €400,000 p.a. for up to 5 years and covers up to 100% of the total direct costs with a provision of 20% towards indirect costs. The level of the grant offered will be determined by the peer review evaluation, on the basis of the needs of the project, judged by the panel against the requested budget of the proposal.

There are three sub-calls within the ERC-StG:

- domain Physical Sciences & Engineering with deadline 28 October 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time),
- domain Life Sciences (Panels: LS1 – LS9), with deadline 18 November 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time),
- domain Social Sciences & Humanities (Panels: SH1 – SH6), with deadline 09 December 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time).

#### **Chevening Scholarships**

Deadline: 18 October 2009

[http://www.britishcouncil.org/au-educationuk-scholarships-postgraduate-chevening\\_scholarships.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/au-educationuk-scholarships-postgraduate-chevening_scholarships.htm)

The Chevening Scholarships programme is funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) in the United Kingdom and administered by the British Council. The programme offers outstanding graduates and young professionals the opportunity to study at UK universities. The awards are made for one year's formal study for a postgraduate qualification or for a shorter period of not less than three months to pursue private study or research at a university or similar institution in the UK.

The scholarship includes:

- a return economy airfare to the UK from any Australian city
- all compulsory academic fees
- monthly stipend
- book allowance
- thesis allowance

Chevening scholarships are targeted towards a broad range of fields and disciplines. Priority is given to the following areas:

- Science and innovation
- New and renewable energy resources and energy security
- Global environmental issues
- Science policy
- Sustainable development
- Human rights
- Political science

## INCOMING FUNDING

### Group of 8 European Fellowships

Deadline: 30 October 2009

[http://www.go8.edu.au/storage/go8\\_schemes/european\\_fellowships/eurofell-apppack.pdf](http://www.go8.edu.au/storage/go8_schemes/european_fellowships/eurofell-apppack.pdf)

The Group of Eight offers eight annual fellowships to early career researchers in Europe to work in Go8 universities for up to six months. Each Fellowship is worth AUD 20,000. The Fellowships are open to eligible researchers in Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria and Croatia. The Go8 European Fellowship scheme recognises the importance of international contacts for early career researchers. It is envisaged that Fellows will continue to collaborate with Australian research partners when they return to their home institutions.

You are eligible to apply to be a Fellow if you:

- have completed a PhD less than five years prior to application for the Fellowship;
- are under 40 years of age at the time of application;
- are a citizen of one of the designated countries listed above;
- reside in one of the designated countries listed above (it need not be the same country as your citizenship);
- have been employed (minimum half-time appointment) for at least six months prior to application by a university or research organisation (public or private) in one of the designated countries;
- have sufficient competency in English to be able to adequately communicate with researchers in their host university;
- are eligible to obtain an Australian Visiting Academic Visa (subclass 419) or equivalent Australian visa.

Candidates are restricted to submitting one application per year. Each application must be supported by an academic supervisor at a Go8 university. All applicants will be informed of the outcomes in December 2009 with successful candidates expected to commence their fellowships during 2010.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) – European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grants  
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/types/granttype/strategic/austeu.htm>

The NHMRC-EU scheme aims to assist Australian researchers to participate in projects with international researchers that have been selected for funding under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European community for research and technology development (FP7). Australian researchers must be part of the original application submitted to the EU. The following issues will be considered when assessing eligible projects:

- relevance of the research to health or health related outcomes
- value of the Australian contribution to the EU research
- value to Australian research from Australian participation

The total NHMRC funds available under each call is AUD \$2 million.

Australian researchers participating in projects being submitted to the EU must submit their application to the NHMRC as follows:

- complete an NHMRC – EU Collaborative Research Grant application form;
- forward, with a copy of the final application submitted to the European Commission, to the NHMRC.

Applications to the NHMRC must be submitted within two weeks of the European Commission closing date.

**Information on European funding opportunities, European Highlights, Intelligence, recent seminar presentations and Issues of “Research EU Focus” are available at the European page of the International Handbook Website (accessible by Unikey only):**

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/internationalhandbook/regions/europe/index.shtml>

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