

THE RBS SCOTS AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP



Notes for applicants for the academic year 2008-2009

This scholarship is awarded by The Scots Australian Council in partnership with The Royal Bank of Scotland.

The aim of the programme is to develop lasting links between young Scots and Australians by offering outstanding graduates and young professionals an opportunity to study at a Scottish university. The scholarship is tenable for one year only and is designed to facilitate a postgraduate course in any discipline, but with a general preference for the humanities.

The scholarship includes an economy class return airfare to Scotland from any capital city in Australia, academic fees, an arrival allowance, a stipend of approximately £700 per month (inclusive of a book and materials allowance) payable for ten months, and a departure allowance.

Candidates must be Australian citizens who are recent graduates and who have an informed interest in Scotland as well as the intention of returning to work in Australia.

In making the final selection for an award, particular weighting will be given to a candidate's inability to undertake a full time Master's degree course overseas without the financial assistance from the scholarship. Accordingly all shortlisted candidates will be questioned at interview as to their personal and family financial status, and may be subject to subsequent vetting to satisfy the Council and its partners that they are in their opinion fit and proper persons to receive an award.

Successful candidates will have a track record of ambition, excellence and achievement. They should also be able to demonstrate the potential to become leaders in their chosen fields, and a clear idea of how their scholarship and period of study in Scotland will be of benefit not only to them but also to Australia on their return. As part of the conditions of the scholarship and with a view to the development and improvement of the programme they will be asked to submit a brief written report describing their impressions of Scotland and the value of their course. They will also be expected to attend and/or speak at promotional events if requested.

Applications for the 2008/09 academic year will close on 24th April 2008. All candidates are advised to apply directly to their Scottish university of choice at the same time. If they wait until a decision has been made, places at their university of choice may no longer be available.



The application form will be available via the website of The Scots Australian Council (scotsoz.org) or the British Council in Australia (britishcouncil.org.au).

The completed form may be submitted either:

by e-mail (preferred) to **scholarships@scotsoz.org**, with supporting documentation to follow by post to the address below, or

by post to:

**The Secretary
The Scots Australian Council
19 Dean Terrace
Edinburgh EH4 1NL
Scotland**

Applications will be acknowledged by e-mail and applicants will be advised if they have been shortlisted for interview by the 1st week of May.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in Australia in the latter half of May 08. Please note that it may not be possible to conduct interviews in a candidate's home State, and that shortlisted candidates may be required to travel to Sydney for interview. Regrettably The Scots Australian Council is unable to pay travel expenses to interview.

Awards will be announced in June.

Please be aware that The Scots Australian Council is a Scottish charity (Number SC020219) incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (Number SC271475). It is not bound to make an award each year.

If you require further information or advice, please contact us by e-mail at:

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