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Study Overseas Foundation Initial Scholarship Round: July 2014

Scholarship Information, Eligibility and Application Criteria

Overview

The Study Overseas Foundation is pleased to announce its inaugural round of outbound student mobility scholarships for Australian university students to study abroad.

The scholarships are intended to promote the recipients' academic development at an educational institution overseas by way of study of a component of an Australian course.

The scholarships are designed to support students that can demonstrate leadership potential or who can clearly show how their overseas study experience will assist them to become a better leader in their field.

Students are able to apply in one of three categories:

- **Business leadership**
- **Leadership in community or international development**
- **Leadership in the sciences**

A total of five \$1000 scholarships will be allocated across these three categories in the first funding round. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit, including academic performance and demonstration of leadership potential.

Application Timeframe

Applications open on Friday 20th June and will close on August 15th 2014 at 11:59pm EST.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to apply for a scholarship, a student must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Living in Australia
- Currently studying at an Australian university within Australia (i.e. not an offshore campus) and be enrolled in a non-research degree (i.e. undergraduate or postgraduate-by-coursework degree).
- Be 18 years or older at the time of their experience.

Eligible Activities

All types of international study experiences are eligible to be funded as long as the experience involves an educational institution overseas and can count as a component of an Australian course.

Eligible activities include (but are not limited to):

- Semester exchanges at universities
- Language programs
- Short courses or summer/winter programs at universities, language schools or technical education institutions abroad
- Study tours that spend time at a partner university
- Internships or clinical placements that also involve interaction with an educational institution in some way.



Assessment Criteria

General Criteria

All scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit. This includes consideration of applicants':

- Academic merit
- Community engagement/professional experience
- Proactivity
- Leadership potential/experience



Specific Criteria

Each scholarship category also has additional criteria.

Category	Assessment Criteria
Business Leadership	<p>Students should apply in this category if they are studying any business discipline (including accounting), entrepreneurship and business-related disciplines such as business law or IT.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on the basis of the applicant being able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a passion and/or aptitude for business and private enterprise. • Provide evidence of practical experience in the business world (this might be completing an internship, work experience, setting up a business or other training). • Demonstrate an ability to lead in a business setting or clearly show how their overseas study experience will specifically contribute towards their leadership potential.
Leadership in community or International Development and Engagement	<p>This category is open to students in any degree program.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on the basis of the applicant being able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate their commitment to community and/or international issues. • Demonstrate experience and involvement in community or international development activities. • Identify how their international experience will specifically contribute to a project, program or initiative in which the applicant is involved.
Leadership in the Sciences	<p>Students should apply in this category if they are studying a scientific discipline. A scientific discipline is one of, but not limited to, the following: health and medical sciences, environmental and life sciences, 'hard' sciences (maths, physics, chemistry etc), engineering and applied sciences, computing sciences, psychology, social sciences etc.</p> <p>Applications will be assessed on the basis of the applicant being able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a passion and aptitude for a scientific discipline. • Show how their overseas study experience will assist them to further their own scientific discipline.

Application Requirements and Process

Students will need to complete an online application to apply for a scholarship.

This application can only be completed in one go (i.e. applications cannot be saved and returned to later) so we recommend that students prepare all of their responses in the following word document before copying responses into the application form. Students should also prepare the various attachments before submitting their form.

A preview of the application form will be available at www.studyoverseas.org.au once applications open.



Required Documents

Students must provide the following as part of the application:

- A personal statement (or short web cam video) about why they are the best candidate for the scholarship. This should be 500 words long (in a word document or PDF) or 2 minutes in length if it is a video.
- Two written references from people that are able to comment on things such as their leadership potential, ability to innovate, intelligence, flexibility/adaptability, entrepreneurialism, cross-cultural skills etc
- Evidence of their academic standing
- A copy of their CV



Questions

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