

2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars

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Twenty-two outstanding Australians have been awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships, which will enable them to study, or conduct further research in their chosen field, in the United States over the next twelve months.

The 2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars were announced today by Australian-American Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Mr Mark Darby, who said the successful scholars demonstrate the breadth and diversity in research amongst Australia's brightest.

"The twenty-two 2007 Fulbright Scholars will study a diverse range of fields while in the U.S. over the coming year, including Indigenous health, classical flute, fish-killing algal, scramjets, and leukemia."

The scholarships, worth up to \$40,000, allow each scholar to study and research in the U.S. for up to twelve months.

The scholars come from across Australia and include state government and CSIRO staff, postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers, and senior academics. "Fulbright Scholarships are not just about the individual research, but also the institutional linkages and professional networks that scholars establish. A Fulbright Scholarship opens doors and unique opportunities," stated Mr Darby.

The full list of 2007 Australian Fulbright Scholars is attached and all scholars are available for interviews. Media Profiles and individual photos of each Fulbright Scholar are available on our website: www.fulbright.com.au/scholars/AustralianScholars

The prestigious Fulbright Program is the largest educational scholarship of its kind and was created by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright and the U.S. Government in 1946. Aimed at promoting mutual understanding through educational exchange, it currently operates between the U.S. and 150 other nations.

The Australian Fulbright Program was established in 1949 through the first treaty ever signed between the Australian and U.S. governments. The two way scholarships are administered by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission headquartered in Canberra and funded by the Australian and U.S. Governments and a select group of corporate partners. Over 2,600 Australians and 2,000 Americans have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars to study in our respective countries during the past 58 years.

Applications for 2008 Fulbright Scholarships open 1 June 2007 and close 31 August 2007.

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POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

- Danny Gelman (VIC) – Chemistry, Monash University
- Steven Lane (QLD) – Medicine, Princess Alexandra Hospital - Alumni (W.G. Walker) Scholarship
- Kanthi Lewis (NSW) – Chemistry, University of Technology, Sydney

- Daniel Mitchell (VIC) – Aerospace Engineering, Monash University
- Andrew Nicol (WA) – Legal Philosophy and Jurisprudence, The University of Western Australia
- Oscar Potter (TAS) - Chemistry, The University of Tasmania
- Melissa Tacy (ACT) – Mathematics, The Australian National University
- Rowena White (SA) – Law The University of Adelaide

Science and Engineering Scholarships sponsored by BHP Billiton

- Robin Brimblecombe (VIC) – Energy Studies, Monash University
- Karel Hartlieb (WA) – Materials Engineering, The University of Western Australia

Tasmanian Scholarship

- Ben Mooney (TAS) – Plant Science University of Tasmania

Technology and Communications Scholarship sponsored by Telstra

- Kristy Vernon (QLD) – Physics, Queensland University of Technology

Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship sponsored by Anthony Joseph Pratt

- Amy Ellks (SA) – Music Performance [flute], The University of Adelaide

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Elizabeth Krenske (ACT) – Chemistry, The Australian National University
- Mai Tran (QLD) – Immunology and Biology Queensland Institute of Medical Research
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Scholarship sponsored by Department of Education, Science and Training
- Julie Owen (WA) – Indigenous Health The University of Western Australia

SENIOR SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Francis Carbone (VIC) – Biochemistry, The University of Melbourne
- Billie Giles-Corti (WA) – Population Health, The University of Western Australia

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Julia Grix (NSW) – Legal Practice, NSW Legal Aid Commission

Vocational Education and Training sponsored by Department of Education, Science and Training

- Mark O'Rourke (VIC) – Education and Training Victoria University Conduct research

Business/Industry (Coral Sea)

- Brent McInnes (WA) – Geology CSIRO Exploration and Mining Conduct research

Australian United States Alliance Studies sponsored by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- James Renwick (NSW) – Constitutional Law Barrister - Self Employed Conduct research

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