

Fulbright NSW Scholarship announced



NSW Premier, Nathan Rees with the NSW Vice-Chancellors Committee; Mrs Judith Fergin, U.S. Consul General Sydney; Professor Mary O’Kane, NSW Chief Scientist and Scientific Engineer; and Mr Tom Pascarella and Dr Joe Hlubucek from the AAFC at the announcement of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship. Photo: Prudence Upton

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Talented postgraduates and postdoctoral scholars in NSW will now have the additional option to apply for a state specific Fulbright Scholarship.

The Fulbright NSW Scholarship was announced by the Hon Nathan Rees MP, the Premier of NSW at an event held at the University of New South Wales on Tuesday 17 March 2009.

Premier Nathan Rees announced that the NSW Government will invest \$250,000 to establish the first Fulbright NSW Scholarship with matching funding from the NSW universities.

While meeting with NSW University Vice-Chancellors the Premier said that the new Fulbright NSW Scholarship will enable a talented young person from NSW to benefit from US study, travel and network.

“The Fulbright program supports people who excel in any discipline – from academia to business and the arts,” Mr Rees said.

“The scholarship will be valued at Aus \$50,000 with the first applications to be invited in June this year.”

“The winner will be a postgraduate or postdoctoral student whose project is judged to have the greatest potential benefit for NSW.

“This is a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the ties between the Government and the higher education sector in NSW at a time when governments around the world are looking increasingly to scientific research and higher learning to find solutions to our global problems.”

“The scholarship will be jointly funded by the NSW Government and NSW universities with further support to be raised from companies and individuals.”

Australian-American Fulbright Commission (AAFC) Board Chair, Mr Tom Pascarella, congratulated the NSW Government and the NSW universities on the establishment of the Fulbright NSW Scholarship.

"This Fulbright NSW Scholarship will give talented young people from NSW special opportunities to participate in the prestigious Fulbright Program. It will promote professional and academic links between the U.S. and NSW, with research projects that will provide long-term benefits to the state."

The first Fulbright NSW Scholarship will be awarded in 2010.

