Top Australian Scholars presented with Fulbright Scholarships

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A non-invasive imaging system to screen newborn babies for sight threatening conditions, renewable energy technology, addressing fear of failure, new ways to treat breast cancer, and improved security for electronic devices will be some of the exciting areas Australian Fulbright Scholars will research in the U.S. over the next year.

Twenty-five Australians were awarded prestigious Fulbright Scholarships at the 2010 Fulbright Presentation Dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne, on Thursday 18 March 2010. Australian-American Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Dr Joe Hlubucek said that the talented Australians who have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships in 2010 come from a rich diversity of fields with inspiring talents, knowledge and aspirations.

"Fulbright Scholarships work on issues of key significance to Australia and the U.S. They give researchers and students a wonderful opportunity to get an international perspective on their area of interest, which will benefit both themselves and their colleagues," Dr Hlubucek said.

"Their scholarships also lead to new collaborations and institutional networks between the U.S. and Australia. Being a Fulbright Scholar opens doors that would otherwise not be available," Dr Hlubucek said.

The Scholars come from across Australia and include postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers, senior academics, and professionals from industry and government. The scholarships, worth up to \$45,000, enable Fulbright Scholars to study and research in the U.S. for three to twelve months.