

The Government of the Republic of Chile wishes to enhance collaboration with Australia and promote higher education in both countries. In July 2008 Universities Australia, as the peak body representing the Australian university sector, and the Government of the Republic of Chile signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the fields of education and training. This MoU outlines the intent of both parties to encourage and facilitate the development of contacts and cooperation between government agencies, educational institutions and other bodies. The Parties have agreed to cooperate in relation to scholarships and student exchanges in the following fields of study and training:

- PhD and Masters studies;
- Graduate Internship and Fellowship programs;
- Joint research programs;
- Postdoctoral programs; and
- English teacher training.

Aquaculture, Fisheries and related environmental issues are considered priority fields of study for Chilean scholarship recipients and joint research programs.

Funds to support collaborations are available through the Chilean Bicentennial Fund Scholarship Program. The Bicentennial Fund has been specifically established to improve the quality of higher education available to Chilean students and researchers. The scholarship program seeks to increase access to and promote opportunities for Chilean students to undertake advanced degree studies in Australia. This program provides funding to enable up to 500 Chilean students per year to study or undertake research in Australia.

These scholarships will provide funds to:

- Meet the costs of living expenses for scholarship holders while enrolled in Australia.
- Fund university tuition and fees for scholarship holders not granted funding from Australian universities.
- Provide the roundtrip air ticket (economy) from Chile to the corresponding destination in Australia, for each scholarship holder.
- Fund English language training courses in Chile for scholarship holders who do not meet the language entrance requirements established by the relevant Australian university.
- Provide up to six months allowances for living expenses for scholarship holders who require full time English language proficiency courses in Australia.
- Cover administrative costs incurred for selection, data processing, supervision and monitoring of scholarship holders.
- Cover additional expenses of the scholarship holders and/or their dependents that the Chilean Government might deem necessary.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILEAN STUDENTS

The University of Tasmania offers a unique educational and lifestyle experience for Chilean students interested in studying in Australia. Hobart is the Australian gateway to the Southern Ocean and Antarctica and has the largest concentration of Antarctic and Marine Science research organisations in the southern hemisphere, thus providing many opportunities to work with international leaders in Antarctic and marine research.

Postgraduate opportunities are currently available in the following fields:

- Physical and Chemical Oceanography
- Marine Ecology and Biological Oceanography
- Marine Conservation
- Climate Variability and Resource Management
- Climate Change and Climate Adaptation
- Marine Remote Sensing
- Fisheries Resource Management
- Aquaculture: species development and aquatic animal health, integrated catchment management including ecosystem effects
- Monitoring, management and mitigation of harmful algal blooms
- Antarctic Science: glaciology, ice-shelf-ocean interactions, sea ice
- Antarctic microbiology

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