

Australian-Canadian Scholarships & Funding

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This paper lists current funding available from the Australian and Canadian governments that support institutional partnerships and research collaborations between Australia and Canada. It also lists funding available for Australian and Canadian students and faculty to undertake postgraduate study or research in the respective countries.

Australian Funding to support Australian-Canadian Institutional Partnerships

Postgraduate

Endeavour Research Fellowships

This award funds Canadian Master's degree or Ph.D. students and postdoctoral fellows to undertake 4-6 months study or research in Australia towards their Canadian degree or research. It also funds Australians to undertake similar programs in Canada. Fellows undertake international comparative research while building or enhancing institutional collaborations between Australian and Canadian research teams. Applications are online and annually close the end of July. For further details - www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards

Faculty or Administrative Staff

Endeavour Executive Awards

The Endeavour Executive Awards provide professional development opportunities for high achievers in business, industry, education or government from Australia and participating countries. The Awards focus on building skills and knowledge through a host work environment rather than through formal enrolment in a study program at a host institution and are not intended to fund direct academic research. Applicants must be nominated by their host organisation. Australian and international university faculty and staff have used this award in the past to build or enhance institutional collaborations through specific projects. Applications are online and annually close the end of July. For further details - www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards

Funding for Australian Institutions to Engage International Collaborators on Research Projects

Australian Research Council's Centres of Excellence

The National Competitive Grants Program provides incentives for Australia's most talented researchers to work in partnership with leading researchers internationally. A major component of the program is the Centres of Excellence scheme, which brings together leading researchers from around the world to work collaboratively on specific research problems. Eligible Australian institutions must submit paper copies of the research proposal to the Australian Research Council (ARC) by April 19. For further details- <http://www.arc.gov.au/>

Discovery Projects: International Collaborative Award

The Discovery Projects scheme funds research programs that enhance international collaboration. A single project may be awarded funding for up to three years. International researchers may serve as partner investigators but not chief investigators in the project. The award funds the airfare and provides a local living allowance to international research partners. Proposal submissions are submitted through the ARC Research Management System and are due in March. For further details - <http://www.arc.gov.au/>

Cooperative Research Centers

The Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Program supports collaboration between researchers, industries, communities and governments to solve major challenges facing Australia. CRCs are encouraged to engage with international partners. The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research funds CRC research projects as well as any education or training programs applicable to research 'end users'. Funding applications are submitted online using CRC application forms. The deadline for submission is early July. For further details- <https://www.crc.gov.au/>

Funding for Study or Research in Australia (to which individual Canadians can apply)

Postgraduate

Endeavour Postgraduate Awards

The scholarship is awarded to international students to pursue a Master's degree or Ph.D. in any field at an Australian university. Applications are online and annually close the end of July. For further details - www.deewr.gov.au/International/EndeavourAwards

International Postgraduate Research Scholarships

These scholarships are awarded to international students to undertake a Ph.D. at an Australian university. The scholarship covers the tuition fees and health cover costs for scholarship holders, and health cover costs for their dependants. These awards are annually advertised and selected by individual Australian universities. See individual university websites.

Post-doctoral Fellowships and Academic Positions

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Postdoctoral Fellowships

Fellowships are available to Ph.D. graduates who have attained, or will shortly satisfy the requirements for, a Ph.D. degree in a discipline related to CSIRO's research. Overseas applicants are eligible for appointment and will be sponsored by CSIRO to obtain an Australian Work Visa. Fellowships last up to three years. For further details- <http://www.csiro.au/org/AwardsOverview.html>

Future Fellowships

The Future Fellowships Program offers four-year fellowships to 1,000 outstanding Australian and international researchers in the middle of their career. In addition, the Australian Research Council provides administering organisations with funding for infrastructure, equipment, travel, and relocation costs directly related to the Future Fellow's research. For further details - <http://www.arc.gov.au>

Super Science Fellowships

The aim of the Super Science Fellowships program is to attract and retain outstanding early-career researchers in three key areas: space and astronomy; marine and climate; and future industries. The program offers three-year fellowships to 100 outstanding Australian and international early-career researchers. Proposals must be submitted online through the ARC Research Management System and are due by November 25. For further details - <http://www.arc.gov.au>

National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australia Fellowships

The fellowship program is funded by the NHMRC and aims to attract and retain leading health and medical researchers from Australia and around the world. For further details - <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au>

Australian Laureate Fellowships

The Australian Laureate Fellowships Scheme supports research of national and global significance, by researchers of international repute. Up to fifteen five-year fellowships are awarded under the scheme each year. The fellowships enable researchers to lead teams made up of postdoctoral and postgraduate researchers, who will also be funded by the scheme. Applications must be submitted online using the ARC Research Management System and are due by January 27. For further details- <http://www.arc.gov.au>

Canadian Funding to support Australian-Canadian Institutional Partnerships

Postgraduate

Doctoral Student Research Award

The award provides travel reimbursement and a six-month living stipend to graduate students preparing their doctoral thesis relating to topics that are highly relevant to Canada's foreign policy or comparative Studies with substantial Canadian content. Applications must be submitted through the local Canadian Mission in the applicant's home country or territory. The deadline for Australian students is November 1. For further details - <http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/>

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Visiting Fellows in Canadian Government Laboratories

This award funds emerging scientists and academics to work at Canadian research institutions and in Canadian research laboratories. One third of fellowship recipients are international researchers. The fellowship lasts one year but may be renewed for an additional two years of study. Applications are online and are accepted and reviewed on a continuous basis. For further details- <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Individual Research Grants

Canada Asia-Pacific Awards

The award supports scholars from Australia studying the relationship between Canada and the Asia-Pacific region. The Australian researcher should submit an application to the local Canadian Mission by November 24. For further details- http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/index_en.asp

Conference Travel Assistance Program

The program sponsors scholars from Australia that wish to attend conferences on Canadian studies in any International Council for Canadian Studies member nation. For further details- http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/index_en.asp

Faculty Enrichment Program

This program is designed to increase knowledge and understanding of Canada abroad by assisting academics in higher education institutions develop and teach courses about Canada in their own discipline. Applications must be submitted through the local Canadian Mission in the applicant's home country or territory. The deadline for Australian scholars is November 1. For further details- http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/index_en.asp

Faculty Research Program

The Faculty Research Program funds Australian researchers to travel to Canada to study Canada and/or its relations with Australia. The researcher is to eventually publish his or her findings in a scholarly journal. Applications must be submitted through the local Canadian Mission in the applicant's home country or territory. The deadline for Australian faculty is November 1. For further details - http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/index_en.asp

International Collaboration Research Grants

International Research Linkages

The Canadian government sponsors this award in order to create linkages between research teams (comprised of two or more doctoral scholars) in Canada and research teams in Australia. Examples of research linkages include seminars and joint paper production. Researchers must submit an application to the local Canadian Mission in their home country by the November 24 deadline. For further details- http://www.iccs-ciec.ca/index_en.asp

Collaborative Research and Training Experience Program (CREATE)

The CREATE Program supports the training of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad through the development of innovative training programs that address significant scientific challenges associated with Canada's research priorities. International organizations may participate as collaborators in the program and receive funding. Eligible Canadian universities must submit a Letter of Intent to participate by May 3. For further details - <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Collaborative Health Research Projects Program

The Collaborative Health Research Projects program supports focused collaborative research projects involving any field of the natural, engineering, or health sciences. Collaborators from other sectors (e.g.,

government and industry) and foreign researchers are welcome to participate but are expected to bring their own resources to the project. For further details- <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Funding for Canadian Institutions to Engage with International Collaborators on Research Projects

Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)

The MCRI program seeks to foster unique opportunities for international research teams to collaborate on important international research in which the Canadian team plays the lead role in the direction of the investigation. International scholars can be invited to join an MCRI team as co-applicants. For further details- <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca>

Image, Text, Sound and Technology

This program enables researchers to learn about and apply advanced technologies to the analysis of social statistics at postsecondary institution-based Research Data Centers across the country. International researchers may be included as collaborators or specialists on the project but cannot apply individually for this grant without being associated with a Canadian postsecondary institution. For further details- <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca>

Research Development Initiatives

The Research Development Initiatives program supports research that both assesses and elicits the changing directions of research and the evolution of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Foreign researchers not affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution are eligible to apply as co-applicants. For further details - <http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca>

Funding for Study or Research in Canada (to which individual Australians can apply)

Postgraduate

Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships

The award funds employees at private research and development companies in Canada and abroad that wish to pursue graduate studies at Canadian universities. The number of scholarships available to international applicants is capped at 20% of the total number of scholarships awarded in a given year. For further details- <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca>

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship assists both Canadian and international doctoral students to pay for studies at Canadian universities. Last year, 174 Vanier scholars were selected from across the world. For further details - <http://vanier.gc.ca/>

Post-doctoral Fellowships and Academic Positions

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Canadian government awards 70 Banting Fellowships annually. The fellowships last two years and exist for students in the fields of social science and humanities, health research, and natural science and engineering. Applications must be submitted by November 3. For further details - <http://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca>

CIHR Fellowship

The fellowship program provides support for highly qualified candidates at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad. The program is open to both Canadians and citizens of other countries. The value and duration of each fellowship is related to the major degree held, licensure (where applicable), location of tenure and experience of the applicant. Applications are submitted using ResearchNet and are due February 1. For further details- <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca>

Research Associates Program

The National Research Council of Canada hires associate researchers who have already completed a doctoral degree or who are in the process of obtaining their master's or PhD. The associates are paid according to their level of schooling and experience. The initial appointment is for a two-year term. Appointments may be extended to a maximum of five years. Applications are submitted using an online form and are reviewed and accepted on a continuous basis. For further details- <http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca>