DEST Endeavour Programme 2008,  
Information Session  

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Overview

- DEST Endeavour Programme will deliver 10,000 scholarships and fellowships over five years

- worth $1.4 billion dollars

- opportunities exist for Australians and foreign nationals

- DEST web-site is www.endeavour.dest.gov.au

- array of scholarship, fellowship and professional development schemes on offer

- broad theme is engagement and interaction with Asia-Pacific and Middle Eastern countries
Endeavour Postgraduate Awards (EPA)

• postgraduate (research or coursework) degree at an Australian University

• most prestigious of the awards on offer, worth $160K over three years

• 66 awards, 44 for PhD and 21 for Masters

• coursework Masters applications are allowed

• for candidates from Asia-Pacific and the Middle East

• must be accepted into degree at an Australian University
Endeavour Research Fellowships (ERF)

- short-term postdoctoral fellowships, for foreigners at an Australian University or for Australians overseas
- short-term period of postgraduate study for foreigners enrolled in their home country and for Australians enrolled here
- worth $25K over six months
- 166 awards for candidates from nearly everywhere (except the USA)
- 106 awards for Australians to go to Asia-Pacific and Middle Eastern countries
- some quotas for particular countries and destinations apply
- must apply for affiliation at host University
- Cheung Kong Research Fellowships have the same structure; valid for China and some other Asian countries
Endeavour Europe Awards (EPA)

- postgraduate (research or coursework) study in Australia, towards an Australian or home country degree
- worth $50K over one year
- 15 awards for candidates from European countries
- rules state that funding only for living costs not tuition fees
- can hold this with another scholarship; ie IPRS
- fee waivers from UOW may be possible; discuss with Kim Roser
- candidates must be physically resident in Europe at the time of application
- Endeavour Malaysia and Turkey Awards have the same structure
Endeavour Executive Awards

- short-term professional development, for foreigners at an Australian institution or for Australians overseas
- not for academic research or commercial purposes, but for professional, business or educational development
- worth $25K for one to four months
- 77 awards for Australians to go to Asia-Pacific and Middle Eastern countries
- must be nominated by host or home institution
- seems suitable for general and academic staff exchanges
Selection criteria for the EPA

- a record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant’s chosen field of study
- a well defined study or research programme
- a proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia and the applicant’s home country
- the applicant’s potential to foster ongoing collaboration and co-operation with Australia and potential to participate at a high level in the academic or wider community in their home country on return from Australia
Application procedure

- online via DEST Endeavour web-site
- applications are now open and close on 31st July, 2007
- awards announced in Nov. 2007
- each candidate must have an offer or affiliation letter from the host institution; this offer must be on an official letterhead
- candidates must be physically resident in their country of citizenship at the time of application; O/S students studying here must go home first
- Endeavour IPRS Scholarships; assessment procedure has not changed; apply via UOW by 31st Oct.
Suggestions for HPS and postgraduate coordinators

- inform potential postgraduate students inquiring about study at UOW about the Endeavour Programme
- encourage IPRS applicants at UOW to apply for an EPA as well. The closing date for the EPA is a lot earlier than for an IPRS
- opportunities for coursework Masters candidates
- encourage European applicants to apply for a Endeavour Europe Award. Possibility of fee-waviers exist, talk to Kim Roser
- encourage completing overseas PhD students at UOW to apply for an ERF on their return home
- encourage domestic HDR students to apply for an ERF, to spend six months studying overseas, as part of their degree
Suggestions for supervisors of applicants

- each candidate must have an offer or affiliation letter from the host institution
- review the candidate’s study or research programme
- use the offer letter to boost the candidate’s case by addressing the scheme’s selection criteria
- talk about laboratory and research facilities on offer at UOW, potential for ongoing research interactions and importance of this research to Australia and the host country
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