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Information for Hong Kong & Macau Applicants

The Endeavour Awards is the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program. The Awards build enduring links between Australia and Hong Kong / Macau.

The Endeavour Awards underpin the Australian Government's strong commitment to an international education experience by bringing leading researchers, executives and students to Australia to undertake short or long term study, research and professional development in a broad range of disciplines and enabling Australians to do the same abroad. The Endeavour Awards selects high achievers in their respective fields through an international merit-based competition.

In 2008, 466 Endeavour Awards were awarded across 47 countries (including Australia) valued at AUD\$22million, including 7 for Hong Kong scholars to go to Australia and 3 for Australians to come to Hong Kong.

Endeavour Awards available for international applicants can be divided into five categories:

(1) Research

Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships and **Endeavour Research Fellowships** provide financial support for postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows from participating countries to undertake short-term research (4-6 months), in any field of study, in Australia. Aimed at building international linkages and networks, these Awards provide opportunities for award holders to further develop their knowledge and skills.

(2) Postgraduate study or research

Endeavour Postgraduate Awards provide full financial support for international students for up to 3 years to undertake a postgraduate qualification at a Masters or PhD level either by coursework or research in any field of study in Australia.

(3) Vocational education and training

An **Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Award** enables applicants to study a vocational course at the Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Associate Degree level in any field of study in Australia. Vocational Education and Training (VET) provides occupational or work-related knowledge and skills. The courses are directly related to the trade, occupation or 'vocation' in which the applicant participates. These courses exclude degree and higher level programs normally delivered by universities.

(4) Professional Development

Endeavour Executive Awards provide professional development opportunities for high achievers in business, industry, education or government from participating countries. This award provides candidate with the flexibility to design a program that advances both their professional and personal goals. In consultation with the host organisation, the 1 to 4 months program may include activities such as a shadowing program, work placement, attendance at a conference, participation in a short course, or peer-to-peer learning.

(5) Student Exchanges

The Australian Government recognises the many enduring benefits of international exchanges undertaken during the years of undergraduate education. To encourage greater student mobility, the Australian Government funds Australian higher education providers to subsidise the costs to students participating in student exchanges which include tuition fee waiver and credit transfer.

Endeavour Awards available for Hong Kong and Macau applicants:

- Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships (for Hong Kong applicants only)
- Endeavour Research Fellowships
- International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS)
- Endeavour Postgraduate Awards
- Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Awards
- Endeavour Executive Awards
- Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Program

Award	Study level	Award Duration	No of awards available in 2009 for international applicants	Total Value of Each Award
Research Awards				
<u>Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Research Fellowships</u> (For Hong Kong applicants only)	Research towards a Masters degree or PhD in home country; or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	10 (7 awards being available for applicants from Mainland China and Hong Kong)	up to AUD\$23,500 , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Allowance - AUD\$4,500 • Establishment Allowance - AUD\$4,000 • Monthly Stipend (up to 6 months on a pro-rata basis) - AUD\$2,500 per month • Travel and health insurance
<u>Endeavour Research Fellowships</u>	Research towards a Masters degree or PhD in home country; or postdoctoral research	4 - 6 months	117	up to AUD\$23,500 , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Allowance - AUD\$4,500 • Establishment Allowance - AUD\$4,000 • Monthly Stipend (up to 6 months on a pro-rata basis) - AUD\$2,500 per month • Travel and health insurance
<u>International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS)</u>	Australian Masters degree or PhD by research	Enquiries and applications are to be made directly to participating Australian universities		

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Postgraduate Awards				
<u>Endeavour Postgraduate Awards</u>	Postgraduate study / research for an Australian Masters degree or PhD	Up to 2 years for a Masters Up to 3 years for a PhD	80 (40 awards will dedicate to Masters degree applicants and 40 awards dedicate to PhD applicants)	up to AUD\$158,500 , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Allowance - AUD\$4,500 • Establishment Allowance - AUD\$4,000 • Monthly Stipend (up to 3 years on a pro-rata basis) - AUD\$2,500 per month • Tuition Fees per semester (for up to 3 years) - up to AUD\$10,000 per semester/trimester • Travel insurance and the cost of standard Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
Vocational Education and Training Awards				
<u>Endeavour Vocational Education and Training (VET) Awards</u>	Diploma, Advanced Diploma, Associate Degree	1 - 2.5 years	60	up to AUD\$119,500 , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Allowance - AUD\$4,500 • Establishment Allowance - AUD\$4,000 • Monthly Stipend (up to 2.5 years on a pro-rata basis) - AUD\$2,500 per month • Tuition Fees per semester (for up to 2 years) - up to AUD\$6,500 per semester • English language training fees (for up to 6 months, if required) - up to AUD\$10,000 • Travel insurance and the cost of standard Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)
Executive Awards				
<u>Endeavour Executive Awards</u>	Professional Development	1 - 4 months	98	up to AUD\$20,000 , including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel Allowance - AUD\$5,000 • Establishment Allowance - AUD\$5,000 • Monthly Stipend (up to 4 months on a pro-rata basis) - AUD\$2,500 per month • Travel and health insurance
Student Exchanges				
<u>Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Program</u>	International students wishing to undertake an exchange under this program need to enquire at the International Office of the institution at which they are currently studying			

Who Can Apply?

Each award has specific eligibility and conditions. Applicants should refer to the Endeavour website (www.endeavour.dest.gov.au) for particular requirements.

Generally, international applicants must:

- Be citizens or permanent residents of the participating country and physically reside in a country other than Australia (note: those holding dual Australian citizenship or permanent residency status in Australia are ineligible to apply as an international applicant);
- Have proven record of high academic achievements / relevant work experience and demonstrate an appropriate level of English language proficiency;
- Arrange and confirm their own admission places or affiliations with the host institution / organisation and commence their approved program / research during 2009.

Applications

Applications for 2009 Endeavour Awards have to be made online at www.endeavour.dest.gov.au. It is now open and will close on 31 July 2008 at midnight Australian Eastern Standard Time.

All eligible international applications will be assessed by panels of academics and professionals in Australia and on competitive and merit-based basis.

Key Dates for Applicants	
9 April 2008	Applications open for 2009 Endeavour Awards
May/June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Register for and complete English language test (if required)• Research Australian education sector by visiting http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au• Apply for admission to host institution (for applicants enrolling to study at an institution)• Arrange supervision and affiliation (for research applicants)• Arrange affiliation with host organisation (for professional development applicants)• Arrange certification of true copies and translation of documents into English as required
June 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recommended that all language testing be completed (if required) to allow time for submission of test results• Finalise letters of offer/affiliation from host institution/organisation
21 July 2008	Nomination and referee reports should be returned
31 July 2008	Applications for Endeavour Awards close
October 2008	Applicants advised of outcome of selection process

Further Enquiry

For more information, please visit the Endeavour Awards website www.endeavour.dest.gov.au. Applicants can also find the answers for typical questions in the Frequently Asked Questions section and queries which have already been addressed in this section will not be responded individually.

For further enquiry, please contact endeavour.scholarships@deewr.gov.au or the Australian Education International of the Australian Consulate-General Hong Kong at 852 2827 5475 or by email info.hongkong@aei.gov.au.