Externally and internationally funded PhD studentship opportunities

There are very few fully funded PhD studentships supported by external organisations. Most funders will cover either 1—2 years of “study abroad” or part-fund a PhD.

Macquarie University runs a successful Cotutelle scheme (1–2 years), but given current financial pressures, staff are encouraged to seek alternative funding to part-fund joint overseas PhD studentships. Preparation of such joint PhD student projects is time-consuming. FSE staff are hence strongly encouraged to establish links with potential joint PhD supervisors overseas at an early stage and seek external funding for overseas secondments from overseas national (government), research council or charity funding.

A non-exhaustive list of (part-funded) PhD studentship opportunities follows:

- **Australia:**
  - Australia Awards (for students from Asia, Pacific, Africa)
  - CSIRO
  - APEC Women in Research

- **Austria:**
  - OeAD – Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research
    - [https://oead.at/en/outgoing/](https://oead.at/en/outgoing/)
    - For full listing of opportunities, see [https://oead.at/de/ins-ausland/hochschulen/auslandsstipendien/](https://oead.at/de/ins-ausland/hochschulen/auslandsstipendien/) (in German) or [http://www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)

- **Bahrain:**
  - Crown Prince International Scholarship Program (CPISP)
    - [http://www.cpisp.bh/Sponsorship/Endowment%20Fund](http://www.cpisp.bh/Sponsorship/Endowment%20Fund)
    - Annual selection round in March; [http://www.cpisp.bh/Candidacy](http://www.cpisp.bh/Candidacy) (Bahraini citizens only)
- **Bangladesh:**
  - Youth Hop: Prime Minister Fellowships
    - For more information at MQ, contact Nazmul Huda (nazmul.huda@mq.edu.au)
  - Bangabandhu Fellowships
    - For more information at MQ, contact Nazmul Huda (nazmul.huda@mq.edu.au)
  - Ministry of Science and Technology/NST Fellowships
    - [Link](#)
    - For more information at MQ, contact Nazmul Huda (nazmul.huda@mq.edu.au)

- **Brazil:**
  - CNPq – Bolsas no exterior
    - [http://cnpq.br/apresentacao13/](http://cnpq.br/apresentacao13/) (in Portuguese)
    - They also offer ‘sandwich’ PhDs, where students can spend a year abroad, predominantly through their CAPES funding agency. [no website]

- **Canada:**
  - Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program
    - NSERC awards scholarships to Canadian MSc and PhD students. The PhD students can take their funding abroad; duration: 3 years.

  - Canada Graduate Scholarships – Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplements Program
    - Support for research visits of 2–6 months

- **Chile:**
  - CONICYT
    - Continuing opportunity at MQ; check CONICYT website for partner deadlines (multiple)

- **China:**
  - China Scholarship Council (CSC)
- Finland:
  - The Osk. Huttunen Foundation
    - [http://www.oskhuttusensaatio.net/english.html](http://www.oskhuttusensaatio.net/english.html)
    - 2+1 years

  - Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation
    - [https://wihurinrahasto.fi/?lang=en](https://wihurinrahasto.fi/?lang=en)

  - Finnish Academy of Science and Letters/Väisälä Fund

  - Magnus Ehrnrooth Foundation
    - [https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/en/grants/#graduate_scholar](https://www.magnusehrnroothinsaatio.fi/en/grants/#graduate_scholar)
    - 6–12 months

  - Alfred Kordelin Foundation

  - Emil Aaltosen Foundation
    - [https://emilaaltonen.fi](https://emilaaltonen.fi) (in Finnish)

- Germany:
  - DAAD / Jahresstipendien für Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden
    - [https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=57384205](https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=57384205)
    - 7–12 months

  - DAAD / Jahresstipendien für Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden bei bi-national betreuten Promotionen (Cotutelle)
    - [https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=57384286](https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=57384286)
    - 7–12 months

  - DAAD / GRAFÖG
    - [https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=50015185](https://www.daad-australia.de/en/find-funding/scholarship-database/?type=d&target=23&subjectgroup=C&q=0&status=4&page=0&onlydaad=0&id=0&pg=1&detail_to_show=50015185)
    - Up to 12 months; continuous opportunity

Deadlines 31 January (MQ); mid-March (CSC)
- **Indonesia:**
  - Lembaga Pengelola Dana Pendidikan (LPDP)/Ministry of Finance
  - [https://www.lpdp.kemenkeu.go.id](https://www.lpdp.kemenkeu.go.id) (in Indonesian)
  - Study abroad, sandwich placements, internships, Masters and PhD support

- **Japan:**
  - Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)/Overseas Challenge Program for Young Researchers
  - 3–12 months

- **Kazakhstan:**
  - BOLASHAK
  - Continuing opportunity at MQ; check BOLASHAK website for partner deadline

- **Mexico:**
  - CONACYT
  - Continuing opportunity at MQ; check CONACYT website for partner deadlines (multiple)

- **Netherlands:**
  - Hendrik Muller Fonds
  - [https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/dr-hendrik-mullers-vaderlandsch-fonds](https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/dr-hendrik-mullers-vaderlandsch-fonds) and [https://www.mullerfonds.nl](https://www.mullerfonds.nl)
  - Masters students; minimum 4 months and up to Euro 5000

  - Fundatie van de Vrijvrouwe van Renswoude te ‘s-Gravenhage
  - [https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/fundatie-van-de-vrijvrouw-van-rensoude-den-haag](https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/fundatie-van-de-vrijvrouw-van-rensoude-den-haag) and [https://www.fundatievanrenswoude.nl](https://www.fundatievanrenswoude.nl)
  - Maximum of Euro 6500 per year

  - Pieter Langerhuizen Lambertuszoon Fonds
  - One-off grant, maximum Euro 25,000

  - Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds
o [https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/prins-bernhard-cultuurfonds](https://www.wilweg.nl/financiering/beursopener/prins-bernhard-cultuurfonds) and [https://www.cultuurfonds.nl/cultuurfondsbeurzen](https://www.cultuurfonds.nl/cultuurfondsbeurzen)

o 1 year; Euro 1500–20,000

- **Welch Foundation Scholarship**
  - US$ 15,000 for the study of vacuum science; final-year PhD students

- **Nigeria**
  - Tertiary Education Trust Fund
  - Continuing opportunity

- **Pakistan**
  - HEC
  - Continuing opportunity at MQ; check HEC website for partner deadline

- **Poland**
  - Polish Ministry of Education and Science
  - Up to 12 months.

- **Portugal**
  - FCT Graduate Programs
  - [https://www.fct.pt/apoios/programasdoutoramento/](https://www.fct.pt/apoios/programasdoutoramento/)
  - Opportunities to establish joint PhD programs with Portuguese institutions; international programs should involve at least one HEI and one research institution (both Portuguese) and an overseas HEI or R&D institution.

- **South Korea**
  - National Research Foundation
  - Global PhD program [no website available]
  - Provides around US$ 17,000 per student for living and research expenses plus about US$ 8,500 USD for tuition each year for 2+1 (PhD only) or 2+3 years (Masters + PhD). Approximately 170 awards are issued per year. Note that students must be affiliated with a Korean institution and selected students are not required to spend any time outside Korea (visiting foreign institutions is an option).
- Sri Lanka:
  o Ministry of Higher Education and Highways/University Grants Commission: Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD)
  o Result Area 2: Professional Development -- [https://ahead.lk/result-area-2/](https://ahead.lk/result-area-2/)

- Switzerland:
  o Swiss National Science Foundation: Doc.Mobility
  o Support for overseas visits of 6–18 months

- Thailand:
  o Institutional PhD scholarships
  o MQ preferred partners offer joint PhD scholarships: Mahidol Uni, Chulalongkorn Uni and King Monuk’t’s University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)
  o Email gr.international@mq.edu.au for information.

- United Kingdom:
  o Leverhulme Trust
  o [https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/study-abroad-studentships](https://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/study-abroad-studentships)
  o 12–24 months

- United States of America:
  o Facebook
  o [https://research.fb.com/programs/fellowship/](https://research.fb.com/programs/fellowship/)
  o 2-year PhD studentships (matched funding); relevant to Computing, Maths & Stats, possibly Engineering
  o Fulbright Future Scholarships
  o [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedprogram/367 and](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/selectedprogram/367 and)
  o 24 months
  o American Australian Association Education Fund
  o [https://www.americanaustralian.org/page/UtoAGradSchoMain](https://www.americanaustralian.org/page/UtoAGradSchoMain)
  o up to US$ 40,000, minimum 1 year

- Uruguay:
  o ANII
Vietnam:
  - VIED
  - [https://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/scholarships/scholarship-search/data/vietnam-international-education-development-vied](https://www.mq.edu.au/research/phd-and-research-degrees/scholarships/scholarship-search/data/vietnam-international-education-development-vied) or email Australia@vied.vn
  - Continuing opportunity at MQ; email Australia@vied.vn for partner deadline(s)