

Postgraduate Studies in the United States, Canada, and United Kingdom

- ▶ Ms Helen Reidy from the US Consulate General on *Postgraduate Studies in the US;*
- ▶ Ms Inta Heimannis, Honorary Secretary to the Fulbright NSW Selection Committee, on the *Fulbright Scholarships;*
- ▶ Ms Prue Torrance from the Canadian High Commission on *Postgraduate Studies in Canada;*
and
- ▶ Ms Carmen Ng from the Research Office on *Scholarships to study in the UK and University of Sydney Travelling Scholarships*
- ▶ Questions and Answers session

Overseas Scholarships

Options:

- undertake a postgraduate degree at an overseas institution
- undertake a postgraduate degree at USyd and conduct part of your research overseas

Scholarships such as the APA/UPA can be held overseas for up to 12 months (after first 6 months of candidature).

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Planning:

- ▶ Identify scholarships and multiple options.
- ▶ When and how will it fit with your studies.
- ▶ Identify and negotiate best host - establish contact with lab / department at the overseas institution, contact potential supervisors.
- ▶ Long lead time - check the admission deadlines for each institution, begin the application process as early as possible.
- ▶ Seek advice from supervisors and past graduates.
- ▶ Choose referees.

What makes a good overseas scholarship application?

- Show academic excellence - list prizes, awards, University Medal.
- Give examples of leadership ability.
- List other indicators of achievement - civic and community awards, involvement in voluntary work etc.
- A good study proposal with clear objectives.
- Contact the institution at which you wish to study and, even better, your intended supervisor, and obtain an indication from both that they would be willing to accept you.

References or Referee's Report

- Choose someone who knows you well and can say something **substantial** about you.
- Choose mainly academic referees and ask them to read your application and comment on it. Your referees may compare you with scholarship recipients or other high achievers in your field.