

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

School of Computer Science and IT

RMIT University's School of Computer Science and IT is offering full scholarships to high achieving international students towards PhD study in Melbourne, Australia.

The scholarship includes:

- » Tuition fees for the PhD program for up to 3.5 years
 - » Living costs of up to AU\$15,000 per annum
- A paid teaching assistantship may also form part of the scholarship.

Who should consider applying for the scholarship?

Graduates interested in undertaking research in Semester 1 or Semester 2, 2011 in one of the following four broad areas of research:

- » Information Storage, Analysis and Retrieval
- » Intelligent Systems
- » Software Engineering
- » Distributed Systems and Networking

Applicants are encouraged to explore these research fields and nominate the area(s) in which they are interested.

What are the selection criteria?

- » Academic requirements
 - Applicants should have graduated with First Class Honours or equivalent (e.g. a GPA of at least 3.5 out of 4) from a reputable University
- » English language requirements
 - IELTS of 6.5 + with no band less than 6.0
 - TOEFL Paper based 580+ (TWE 4.5+) or TOEFL iBT Overall score 92, minimum 20 in all sections

Expression of interest:

- » The School will require applicants to email certified copies of all academic documents (in PDF format). These should include individual transcripts/mark sheets and completion certificates for any degrees being undertaken or completed
- » Resume/CV
- » Any research publications that the applicant may have undertaken. These may include one of or a combination of the following:
 - Published works of academic standing such as honours research thesis
 - Masters by research thesis
 - Journal articles
 - Internationally refereed conference paper

Applicants must submit official English translations of all documents in other languages.

All of the above documents must be emailed to research@cs.rmit.edu.au

At this stage no formal PhD research proposal is required.

DEADLINE FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

30 November 2010 for commencement in Semester 1, 2011

15 May 2011 for commencement in Semester 2, 2011

THE SELECTION PROCESS:

Step 1:

Upon receipt of a complete set of documents towards an Expression of Interest, all applicants will be supplied with a research paper and asked to provide written answers to a set of questions relating to this paper.

Step 2:

Students who successfully fulfil requirements in Step 1, will need to undertake a Skype interview (via webcam) with staff from the School of Computer Science and IT at an agreed time.

Step 3:

Successful applicants will be connected with potential supervisors to explore the topic(s) within their chosen area. When an agreement between applicant and potential supervisor has been reached, applicants will be directed to proceed with a formal application via the official RMIT application process.