Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund

James Fairfax-Oxford Australia Fund was established to endow scholarships each year for young Australians to go to Oxford University for study and research. The Fund was established in connection with the Campaign for Oxford 1993 at the Australian National University, with a large benefaction from Mr James Fairfax AO and other generous contributions from many Australians who have studied at Oxford. Since 1998, fifty-four students have been supported whilst reading in Oxford by the generous donations to the Oxford Australia Fund.

In 2002, the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation made a generous gift of $120,000 to fund two young Australians who have undertaken three year research degrees in life sciences. Dr Jonathan Lo and Dr Jason Wong successfully completed their studies in 2007.

The Oxford Australia Scholarship Fund grows annually with donations and regular gifts from Australian Oxonians and others around the world. At present, University College Old Members, Magdalen College and Brasenose College are executing special fund raising initiatives to support Australian students attending the colleges. The Fund is managed as part of the Australian National University Endowment along with larger sums so as to attract maximum interest for the scholarships.

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Administration

The Scholarship is administered in Australia in collaboration with the International Office of Oxford University. The Oxford Australian Scholarship Committee comprises:

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- Professor Penny Boumelha, FAHA, MA, DPhil (Oxon), Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost and Jury Professor of English Language and Literature, University of Adelaide;
- Dr Lynne Pressley, MS, BS BMedSci, DPhil (Oxon) FRACP, Cardiologist, Sydney;
- Professor Peter Rathjen, BSc (Hons) (Adel.), DPhil (Oxon), Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Melbourne;
- Justice J D Heydon, MA, BCL (Oxon), BA (Sydney), Justice of the High Court of Australia (for University College Old Members’ Scholarships)

and

British High Commission representative (for British Chevening-Oxford Australia scholarships)

Applications are sought by a process of nationwide advertisement seeking candidates of the highest academic quality. Candidates apply through Oxford University Applications and those applicants who are successful in gaining offers of places at Oxford are sent to the committee in Australia for selection. The Australian Scholarship Committee, having taken referees’ reports and with the candidates’ applications to Oxford, decides on the ranking list in May of the year.
when successful candidates would go up to Oxford. For those wishing to do postgraduate degrees, the scholarship requires that they apply for Clarendon Scholarships.

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