



FACT SHEET – THE AWARDS

Purpose:

- The Awards are to develop Australia's future leaders.
- They recognise and promote excellence in scholarship and leadership.
- They assist in the education of outstanding young Australian achievers at the best universities overseas.
- They enable the formation of global networks by Australia's future leaders.
- The Awards are Australia's equivalent of prestigious scholarships offered by other countries.

About the Awards:

- Each Award provides up to \$150,000 (Australian income tax exempt) over three years.
- Awards support study for a degree of PhD, DPhil or equivalent or to a relevant professional Masters Degree at universities, which are the best in the field.
- Eight Awards are made annually, and the 2008 Awards bring the total number of Monash Scholars to 40.

Selection criteria:

- The Awards are open to Australian citizens of any age or gender with:
 - Outstanding intellect, including academic achievement;
 - Demonstrated leadership qualities and potential;
 - Altruism, demonstrated through community service; and
 - Integrity and excellent presentation and communication skills.
- In their careers, Award Winners are expected to make a significant contribution to Australia.
- The Award Winners are chosen on a national basis by a National Awards Committee. Applicants are interviewed and short-listed first by State and Territory Panels, chaired by current or retired Vice-Chancellors. The Committee and Panels include academic, business and community leaders.

