

## Go8-C9 research leadership executive shadowing program



The Go8 has welcomed \$100,000 in support from the Australian Government for a new research leadership executive shadowing program between the Go8 and Consortium of China Nine Research Universities (C9). The funding acknowledges a highly successful relationship between the Go8 and C9 and affirms the vitality of Australia's research relationship with China.

The shadowing program will enable senior research and research training executives from Go8 universities to spend two weeks at a C9 institution, and for C9 executives to travel to Australia. The visitors will observe the host university's operations and decision-making processes, and gain insights into research management and leadership issues in the partner nation.

The program will facilitate career development for university leaders including Deputy Vice-Chancellors Research and Pro Vice-Chancellors Research/Research Training. It aims to deepen research and professional engagement and foster staff/student exchanges and joint research projects between some of the leading universities in Australia and China.

The C9 institutions are currently mentoring a number of Chinese western region universities which will also be included in this shadowing program.

Applications open on 11 August 2011 with the shadowing program commencing in early 2012. It is an extension of a Go8-C9 MoU signed in October 2010.

For more information, please visit: [www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-and-fellowships-1](http://www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-and-fellowships-1)

## Australia attracts 20 per cent of Chilean postgrad students



In 2008 the Chilean Government announced a large human development capital fund with the goal of sending 30,000 students abroad for postgraduate education in the next decade.

Since that time Australia has been gaining in popularity with Chilean scholarship students.

In the first three rounds Australia attracted many talented students under the program but most students still preferred to go to the US, the UK and Spain.

In the fourth round of results announced by the Chilean Government in July 2011, Australia outperformed the United States for the first time, obtaining 20 per cent (151) of the 770 postgraduate scholarships awarded.

The Go8 welcomes all current and new Becas Chile students and wishes them success in their studies.

# Why the Group of Eight?

The Go8 has updated its indicators publication which compares Go8 universities with the average across a range of measures including student-staff ratios and research income.

Two new indicators have been added:

1. Number of submitted fields with ERA rating of 4 or 5 ranges from 35% to 80% at Go8 universities compared with 14% average for other Australian universities;
2. The proportion of undergraduate offers with school leaving attainment in the top 10% ranges from 47% to 75% at Go8 universities compared with 29% average for other Australian universities.

**Indicators of Australia's Group of Eight Universities**

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**Other Australian Universities**

Indicator	The Australian National University	Monash University	The University of Adelaide	The University of Melbourne	The University of New South Wales	The University of Queensland	The University of Western Australia	Average for all other Australian universities
Revenue 2009 (\$ million)	5,262	1,629	553	3,303	1,405	3,221	2,292	1,578
Annual revenue 2009 (\$ million)	835	1,410	615	1,482	1,171	1,392	1,265	712
Total research income 2009 (\$ million)	128	221	146	331	301	279	303	180
Total research income per academic staff FTE with a research position 2009 (\$/FTE)	68	69	92	108	120	63	96	104
Naturally competitive research income 2009 (\$ million)	27	110	73	166	128	157	129	73
Industry funded research income 2009 (\$ million)	24	52	26	79	80	73	82	45
Number of international taught non-graduate students 2009	51	51	35	63	54	59	77	29
Number of international taught non-graduate students as a percentage of all international students	30%	37%	46%	30%	44%	38%	70%	30%
Number of fields (out of 35) with graduate research student enrolment as a proportion of all fields taught by the university 2009	11/35	15/35	22/35	41/35	46/35	46/35	25/37	14/35
Total students 2009	6,263	42,720	15,266	27,745	26,115	15,161	28,305	16,811
Undergraduate students 2009 (% of all students in the university)	50%	37%	50%	61%	61%	62%	70%	69%

See [www.go8.edu.au/go8-indicators](http://www.go8.edu.au/go8-indicators)

# Go8 European Fellowships: call for applications

The Go8 will call for applications for its annual European Fellowships later this month.

The Fellowships are open to early career researchers from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Croatia. For the first time this year the fellowships will also be open to applicants from Russia.

Each fellow will receive benefits worth up to \$20,000 to travel to Australia in 2012 and work at a Go8 university for up to six months.

Applications open on 12 August and close on 21 October 2011.

[www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-and-fellowships-1/go8-european-fellowships](http://www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/programs-and-fellowships-1/go8-european-fellowships)

# Go8 sponsors CHOGM

The Go8 will sponsor a session of the Commonwealth Business Forum, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in October in Perth.

The Go8/Navitas sponsored session on 26 October will focus on enhancing innovation through attracting, retaining and developing talent. Speakers include the Minister for Tertiary Education, Senator Chris Evans, Vice President of Organisation Resources at Riotinto, Joanne Farrell and CEO of Navitas, Rod Jones. Professor Alan Robson, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia will chair the session. More information on the Commonwealth Business Forum is available [www.cbf2011.com](http://www.cbf2011.com)

# Independent Review of the Go8

After more than a decade since its formation, the Go8 is reviewing its effectiveness as a group and its impact, with a view to determining its priorities at home and abroad in the changing future environment.

An independent appraisal of the role and functions of the Go8 is currently being conducted by Ernst and Young. Stakeholders are invited to complete an online, confidential survey to inform the review. Responses will be confidential and individuals who complete the survey will not be identified.

To view the survey go to: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVPNK6Z](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JVPNK6Z)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go8 DVCs Research meet in Canberra on 11 August
- Go8 VCs attend China 9 presidents' meeting in Shenzhen on 11-12 August
- Go8 Research Directors meet in Auckland on 18-19 August
- Go8 Deans of Science meet in Canberra on 30 August
- Go8 Deans of Engineering meet in Canberra on 1-2 September
- Go8 Human Resources Directors meet in Sydney on 8-9 September
- Go8 presence at EAIE conference in Copenhagen from 14-16 September
- Go8 Chief Financial Officers meet in Auckland on 15-16 September
- Go8 VCS meet in Canberra on 12 October

## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

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