



## Go8 universities increase languages education

A recent survey by the Go8 found that the number of Languages Other Than English (LOTE) taught at Go8 universities has increased from 29 to 35 in the past two years.

In further good news the number of students learning Korean is also on the rise.

The University of Western Australia (UWA) has just introduced Korean language into its undergraduate program, with 100 students beginning first year Korean language studies on 1 August. A total of six Go8 universities now teach Korean languages and studies.

Dean of Arts at UWA, Professor Krishna Sen, attributes the rise in enrolments in Korean to "the Korean wave in pop culture, which swept through China, Japan and Southeast Asia about the middle of the first decade of this century" as well as to funding support from the Korean Government.

Go8 universities play a vital role in the delivery and support of languages education in Australia, recognising that learning to speak a Language Other Than English is increasingly important for effective participation in a globalised world.

In addition to teaching all 35 languages available at the tertiary level in Australia, a wide range of LOTE incentives are available both for entry to and while enrolled in programs of study at Go8 universities.

The languages offered by Go8 universities are: Arabic, Aramaic, Cantonese, Egyptian, French, German, Greek (Ancient and Modern), Hebrew (Classical and Modern), Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Javanese, Korean, Latin, Lao, Malay, Mandarin, Pacific Pidgins, Pali, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Sanskrit, Spanish, Syriac, Tetum, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese and Yiddish.

Further information available at [www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/agreements/go8-lote-incentive-schemes](http://www.go8.edu.au/university-staff/agreements/go8-lote-incentive-schemes)

## Australia's Laureate Fellowships

Go8 universities are home to 13 of 17 of this year's Laureate Fellows, announced by Minister for Industry, Innovation, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, on 10 August.

The Laureate Fellowships, administered by the Australian Research Council, are worth over \$44 million. Each fellowship is valued at around \$2.6 million per year for five years.

In presenting the fellowships Minister Carr said they represent an

investment in quality research and researchers to deliver a richer, greener and fairer nation for all Australians.

The program aims to attract and retain world-class research talent.

Further information available at [www.arc.gov.au/media/major\\_announce.htm#laureates2011](http://www.arc.gov.au/media/major_announce.htm#laureates2011)

# Meet Go8 universities in Europe



Staff of all Go8 member universities will attend the 23rd European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference in Copenhagen from 14-16 September 2011.

The Go8 booth at the EAIE exhibition offers a great place for staff and students from partner universities from all over the world to meet. A roster at the booth helps visitors to know when staff from each Go8 university will be present.

## Go8 European Fellowships – call for applications

The Go8 universities are currently welcoming applications for its annual European Fellowships.

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 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)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 Deans of Graduate Studies meet in Canberra on 5 October
- Go8/DAAD/British Council "International Dialogue on Education" (IDE) in Berlin on 10 October
- Go8-China 9 HDR Forum and Leadership program in Tsinghua from 12-15 October
- Go8-China 9 Deans of Graduate Studies joint meeting in Tsinghua on 12 October
- Go8 Board meets in Canberra on 12 October
- Go8 Social Inclusion group meets in Sydney on 17 October
- Go8 Facilities Directors meet in Melbourne on 21 October
- Go8 Deans of Arts meet in Melbourne on 24 October
- Go8 Advancement Directors meet in Melbourne on 31 October

## Go8 sponsors ARMS conference

The Go8 will sponsor the 2011 Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) Conference in Sydney from 13-16 September.

Further information:

[www.iceaustralia.com/arms2011](http://www.iceaustralia.com/arms2011)

## Go8 sponsors Commonwealth Business Forum

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 at [www.cbf2011.com](http://www.cbf2011.com)

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