



EMBL Australia International PhD Program: Information for Australian universities

Australian life science students can now do an Australian PhD in Europe with the support of the EMBL Australia International PhD Program.

The program enables up to three students a year to undertake their PhD at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory.

The PhDs will be jointly awarded by each student's Australian university and the EMBL. Funding will be provided by EMBL Australia and each student's Australian host university.

Australian universities will also benefit from the program through their partnership with EMBL.

Applications are open now and close on 13 December 2010.

Key benefits of the program

For students	For universities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to study abroad while maintaining links to Australian research community (the best of both worlds) • PhD positions with generous fellowships including broad health care benefits. • Jointly-awarded degree from the EMBL and home (Australian) university • Access to the expertise, resources and world-leading training at the EMBL, including global alumni network • Tailor-made advisory committee comprising Australian and EMBL experts dedicated to supporting and mentoring you • Continuous broad scientific training throughout the PhD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottom-up collaboration opportunities with one of the world's most renowned research institutions • Networking opportunities via co-supervising, advisory committee and student advisory roles • Opportunity to offer students access to world-renowned training, whilst retaining links with your institution.

FAQs

How do Australian universities become involved?

The Go8 has signed an MOU with the EMBL regarding the program. Universities don't need to do anything until a student is accepted into the program.

If one of my university's students is selected, what are our obligations?

Once a student is accepted into the program, the university and the EMBL will sign a partnership agreement. A draft partnership agreement is available and can be amended to accommodate individual university's student management principles.

What are the supervisor arrangements?

EMBL Australia International PhD program candidates will be co-supervised by an Australian supervisor and an EMBL supervisor.

What form will the degree take?

The degree will be jointly-awarded between the Australian university and the EMBL.

Can students use an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) with this program?

Yes. As long as they meet the criteria for an APA, they may use it for an EMBL Australia International PhD.

Which disciplines can students come from?

EMBL includes research in the fields of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Informatics, Engineering and Molecular Medicine

What costs are involved?

Student fellowship costs are calculated based on the student's individual circumstances (eg: spouse, dependant children). 2010 fees range from €24,855.47 (single, no children) to €32,916.04 (with partner and two children). Fellowship costs are indexed annually for cost of living and from 2012 will increase to accommodate new pension plan scheme to be introduced in Europe/Germany, i.e. 14% on top of salary/stipend.

The EMBL will invoice each Australian university for fellowship costs. EMBL Australia will reimburse the Australian university for 50% of the student fees.

The EMBL will organise and pay for student travel as per usual student costs (i.e. during selection, at commencement and completion of program). The EMBL will also fund conference and related costs (registration, accommodation, travel, etc.) at which the student is required to attend.

The Australian university will be responsible for funding each student to return to Australia at least twice during the period of study.

EMBL and the Australian University will share the costs of the Australian university co-supervisor to travel at least once to EMBL for meeting(s) with student.

How do students apply?

Applications must be submitted online via the EMBL website.
<http://www.embl.de/training/eipp/application/index.html>

What are the application requirements?

Candidates must be accepted via the normal EMBL selection process. Details on the EMBL PhD selection process can be found at:

<http://www.embl.de/training/eipp/application/admission/index.html>

Where can I get more information?

It is recommended that prospective candidates read all the sections of the EMBL website regarding the EMBL International PhD (pre-doc) program, available via <http://www.embl.de/training/eipp/index.html>. For any additional open questions they are welcome to contact the EMBL Graduate Office via predocs@embl.de.