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### \$1.42 BILLION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH

Australian universities will receive federal funding for research and research training totalling \$1.42 billion in 2010.

The funding, formally announced in Adelaide today by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, will be shared by 41 universities Australia-wide.

Included in the 2010 Research Block Grants are:

- \$610 million for the Research Training Scheme, which meets the cost of tuition for students completing PhDs and Masters degrees by research;
- \$164 million for 3,069 Australian Postgraduate Awards to support exceptional research students; and
- \$20 million for the International Postgraduate Research Scheme, which is designed to attract the brightest research students from overseas.

“More than half of the \$1.42 billion will go towards training the next generation of Australian researchers – researchers we will need if we are to answer the challenges and build the industries of tomorrow,” Senator Carr said.

“As part of the Rudd Government’s \$3.1 billion funding boost for research and innovation in last years budget, and the *Powering Ideas* research and innovation agenda, the grants include:

- around 500 extra Australian Postgraduate Awards for outstanding students – delivering on Labor’s election commitment to double the number of awards by 2012;
- a 10 per cent increase in the Australian Postgraduate Award stipend to \$22,500 a year; and
- an extra \$85 million to meet the indirect costs of research under the new Sustainable Research Excellence program, which will eventually be worth \$300 million a year.

“The Rudd Government will continue to support research that drives excellence, collaboration and diversity – vital elements for Australia’s prosperity.”

A list of 2010 Research Block Grants is available at [www.innovation.gov.au](http://www.innovation.gov.au)

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