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**AUSTRALIA-KOREA  
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## **AKF Scholarship Program**

**Strengthening  
Australia's engagement with the Republic of Korea**

### **2010 Round Now Open**

The Australia Korea Foundation (AKF) announced in March 2009 the establishment of an annual scholarship program to strengthen Australia's engagement with the Republic of Korea and Australia-Korea relations. In May 2009, scholarships were awarded to eleven successful applicants through a competitive selection process.

Now in its second year, the AKF Scholarship Program 2010 will continue to provide support for early career professionals, postgraduates or later year undergraduates to undertake research, professional development, business internships, language and cultural studies, in the Republic of Korea.

The AKF Scholarship Program responds to the Prime Minister's call to enhance significantly ties with the Republic of Korea and reflects the AKF's objectives in this area.

The announcement of the scholarship program coincided with the visit to Australia of the President of the Republic of Korea, HE Lee Myung-bak. Australia and the Republic of Korea have a long-standing relationship built on trade links and the shared experience in the Korean War. The relationship is now broadening and includes engagement across the community, academia, business and politics.

The AKF, established by the Australian Government in 1992, aims to strengthen the Australia-Korea relationship through supporting a broad range of projects that enhance contact and exchange between the two countries and their peoples.

Details of how to apply for the AKF Scholarship Program are at [http://www.dfat.gov.au/akf/akf\\_scholarship\\_program.html](http://www.dfat.gov.au/akf/akf_scholarship_program.html)

Further details of AKF's full program of activities can be found at <http://www.dfat.gov.au/akf/>