

# THE SIR ROBERT MENZIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN ENGINEERING FOR 2008

## Prospectus and Conditions of Award

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust, which is a registered charity in England, with the financial support of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation in Australia, is offering to Australians one post-graduate scholarship in engineering for tenure at universities in the United Kingdom.
- 1.2 The scholarships are awarded in memory of the Right Honourable Sir Robert Menzies, KT AK CH QC, Prime Minister of Australia from 1939 to 1941 and from 1949 to 1966.

### 2. TENURE

- 2.1 The universities principally in mind are those of Imperial College, Oxford and Cambridge. The Trustees will, however, receive and treat on merit applications for other universities or other institutions.
- 2.2 The award will be tenable for either one, two or three academic years.
- 2.3 Each award will be made on the understanding that it will be continued for the period for which it is granted, subject to the scholar's satisfactory progress and conduct. Scholars will be required to render a written report on their project each six months to the Menzies Trust in Britain.
- 2.4 The Scholarship will be awarded for a program of study leading to a higher degree in any subject relevant to the discipline of engineering. The letter of award will specify the university or institution where the award is tenable, the course and the period for which it may be held.
- 2.5 The Scholarship may not be held concurrently with another scholarship or award providing materially similar or financially significant benefits.
- 2.6 The successful candidates will be expected to take up the scholarship in October 2008.

### 3. THE AWARD

- 3.1 The scholarship in engineering will be awarded on merit to the person who best meets the qualifications and qualities set out below.
- 3.2 The Trustees reserve the right to make no award in a particular year.

### 4. QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1 Candidates must be Australian citizens, have been resident in Australia for at least five of the last ten years, and be available for interview in Australia at the time of selection in mid-June.
- 4.2 At the time of application, candidates should have at least an Upper Second Class Honours Degree in Engineering normally from an Australian university.

### 5. PERSONAL QUALITIES

- 5.1 So that Australia may benefit from the experience and knowledge gained, candidates will be asked to indicate the career they hope to follow on return to Australia. The Selection Committee will seek individuals who are likely to attain prominence in Australia and, in their subsequent careers, make a contribution to British/Australian relations and understanding.
- 5.2 The Selection Committee will take into account in the first place academic achievement, but also those qualities in candidates which Sir Robert Menzies held in high esteem. The qualities sought include:
  - i. Academic excellence.
  - ii. Leadership, both proven and potential.
  - iii. Extra-curricular activities and interests.
  - iv. Ability to contribute to the life of a British university.
  - v. Interest in the service of others.

## 6. SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 6.1 Reports from three referees who have known the candidate for some years may be requested by the Menzies Foundation. Two referees should have an academic or employment association and the third should be personal.
- 6.2 Awards will be made following consideration of a short list of candidates who will be interviewed in Australia in mid-June by representatives of the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Menzies Memorial Scholars' Association, the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation and the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## 7. EMOLUMENTS

- 7.1 The scholarship provides emoluments to meet compulsory university fees and charges and to contribute substantially towards the cost of books, equipment, living and travel. They are revised from time to time to reflect changes in the level of fees and other expenses. **Emoluments are not subject to United Kingdom income tax.** The scale of emoluments at the present time is as follows:
  - 7.2 UNIVERSITY AND OTHER EXPENSES
    - (a) Tuition fees or a research grant equivalent, examination and other compulsory fees - subject to approval by the Trustees.
    - (b) A grant of £120 towards the typing and binding of a thesis.
  - 7.3 PERSONAL LIVING ALLOWANCE  
£9,000 (outside London) and £11,000 (London) per annum, payable in three instalments.
  - 7.4 MARRIED SCHOLARS
    - (a) An additional allowance of £2,000 per annum, will be payable provided husband and wife are residing together in Britain. It is not paid if the scholar's spouse is also in receipt of an award or is in paid employment.
    - (b) A child allowance of £360 per annum each for dependent children under the age of 16 years, provided they are residing with the scholar in Britain, will be paid.
  - 7.5 TRAVEL
    - (a) A student concession fare or other approved air fare from Australia to the United Kingdom.
    - (b) A similar air fare to return to Australia, provided the scholar returns within twelve months of completing his/her course of study.
    - (c) Airfares will be provided for the spouse and/or dependants of scholars.

## 8. METHOD OF APPLICATION

- 8.1 Application forms may be obtained from Scholarship Officers of universities or may be downloaded from the Foundation's Web site at [www.menziesfoundation.org.au](http://www.menziesfoundation.org.au). They are also available on written request (facsimile number 03-9417 7049, email [menzies@vicnet.net.au](mailto:menzies@vicnet.net.au)) from the Menzies Foundation at the address below. Telephone requests are not accepted.
- 8.2 Entries on the application form should be typewritten in black. Minimum acceptable font size is 10 point.
- 8.3 The original and two photocopies of the completed application form, a recent photograph, and an original or certified copy of the candidate's Academic Transcript(s) must be submitted by 30 April, 2008 to:

The General Manager  
The Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Foundation  
"Clarendon Terrace"  
210 Clarendon Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

**CLOSING DATE: 30 April, 2008**