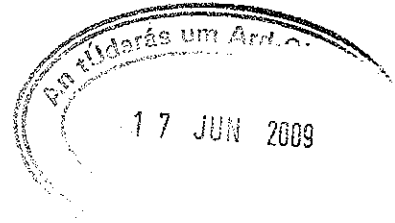




16 June 2009

Mr Tom Boland
Chief Executive
Higher Education Authority
Brooklawn House
Shelbourne Road
Dublin 4



Dear Mr Boland

I am pleased to enclose a copy of a letter from the University of Sydney inviting Irish PhD students in Ireland to apply for the University of Sydney World Scholars, an annual scholarship which recognises outstanding international research students. The application for the University of Sydney World Scholars awards closes on 18 September 2009 and successful candidates will commence studies in Semester 1, March 2010.

I would be grateful if the information could be drawn to the attention of the appropriate institutions in Ireland.

I have also forwarded the information to the Secretary General of the Department of Education and Science.

Yours sincerely

Kind regards

Anne

Anne Plunkett



The University of Sydney

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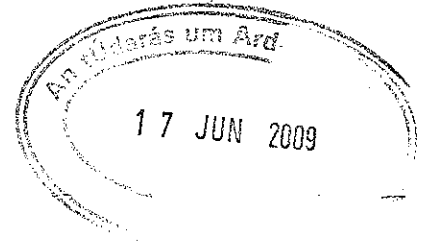
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Friday, 22 May 2009

Dear Ms Plunkett

Re: University of Sydney World Scholars 2009–2010

I write to you regarding the University of Sydney World Scholars, an annual scholarship which recognises outstanding international research students. Each year, up to 20 highly prestigious, competitive PhD scholarships are awarded, covering the full cost of tuition fees for three years. Scholarship recipients also receive a travel contribution of up to AUD 1,250 each way towards the cost of their international air fare between their home country and Australia. A University of Sydney World Scholar may also negotiate a period of research in their home country on a project of national priority as part of their candidature at the University of Sydney.

Scholarships are aligned with regions which are of priority to the University of Sydney, and I am pleased to advise that Ireland has been included as a participating country for this year's intake.

Applications for the University of Sydney World Scholars are now open, and will close on 18 September 2009. Successful candidates will commence studies in Semester 1 (March) 2010.

I would like to ask for your cooperation in promoting the University of Sydney World Scholars awards to prospective PhD students in your region. I would be most grateful if you could display or distribute the flyers enclosed.

Further information about the University of Sydney World Scholars awards, including the Application Guidelines and Application Form, can be downloaded from the University of Sydney website:

http://www.usyd.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

Enquiries concerning the programme can be directed to Ms Danielle Penn, International Development Manager (Scholarships and Grants), at dpenn@usyd.edu.au; or to Mr David Boyd, International Development Officer (Scholarships and Grants), at david.boyd@usyd.edu.au.

On behalf of the University, I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Professor John Hearn
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)