



EMBL Australia International PhD Program: Information for prospective applicants

Australian life science students can now undertake 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.

Applications are open now and close on 13 December 2010.

Key benefits of the program

- Opportunity to study abroad while maintaining links to Australian research community (the best of both worlds)
- Jointly-awarded degree from the EMBL and home (Australian) university
- Access to the expertise, resources and world-leading training at the EMBL, including alumni network
- Tailor-made advisory committee comprising Australian and EMBL experts dedicated to supporting and mentoring you

Answers to common questions

How do I 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>

What are the supervisor arrangements?

Candidates will be co-supervised by an Australian supervisor and an EMBL supervisor. In addition, you will have a tailor-made advisory committee comprising experts in your field from the EMBL and Australia.

What form will the degree take?

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

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

Yes. As long as they you the criteria for an APA, you 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 salary and allowances are provided?

Student stipends are calculated based on the your individual circumstances (eg: spouse, dependant children). 2010 stipends start at approximately €22,820 (single, no children), with additional allowances for spouse and children. Stipends 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 organise and pay for student travel as per usual student costs (i.e. during selection, at commencement and completion of program and other travel-related entitlements). 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.

Do I have to be studying at a Group of 8 university?

The EMBL and Go8 have signed an agreement regarding the program. Non-Go8 university students are welcome to apply to the program and will receive a certificate of involvement in the EMBL PhD Program.

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>