

FOUNDATION FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES IN CHINA

(ABN 23 151 021 037)

BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University

The Foundation for Australian Studies in China (FASIC) is seeking Expressions of Interest from qualified applicants for the BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University (Chair).

FASIC is a non-profit foundation established independently of the Australian Government to manage the position and receive sponsorship and other funds in support of the Chair and the Australian Studies in China program. More information about FASIC can be found at www.fasic.org.au

The successful applicant will be the second occupant of the Chair following Professor David Walker, who was appointed as the inaugural Chair in November 2012.

FASIC is responsible for the selection and management of the position. The Selection Committee includes representatives of FASIC, Peking University, Universities Australia and the Australia China Council.

The Committee seeks expressions of interest from persons wishing to be considered for the position. The appointee will normally be expected to be at Peking University for one to two full academic years.

Persons wishing to be considered should provide a curriculum vitae, a list of three referees and a summary outline of one or two courses in Australian Studies proposed to be given at Peking University.

In principle, no field of interest is excluded, although the relevance to Australian studies is vital. The Selection Committee is keen to encourage an Australia-wide interest in the Chair and expressions of interest from persons in and outside of academia are welcome.

Expressions of interest with relevant documentation and enquiries about the position should be addressed to the Foundation for Australian Studies in China, c/o Riverstone Advisory, Level 24, 56 Pitt Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000, Australia, or sent electronically to sgao@asic.org.au not later than 13 February 2015.

The Chair was established through sponsorship by BHP Billiton to enhance Chinese understanding of Australia. The Australian Government and Universities Australia have also contributed to FASIC.

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BHP Chair of Australian Studies, Australian Studies Centre, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University

- Position:** BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University.
- Open to:** Australian citizens and permanent residents.
- Location:** Australian Studies Centre, School of Foreign Languages, Peking University.
- Salary:** An attractive salary package will be offered.
- Duration:** Up to two years. The Chair will be based in the Australian Studies Centre, Peking University, Beijing, and engaged in teaching and organizing and participating in programs in cooperation with Peking University and with Australian Studies Centres in other parts of China.
- Commencement of position:** Estimated in February 2016.
- Closing date for applications:** 5:00 pm, 13 February 2015.
- Applications:** Email applications to: sgao@fasic.org.au with the words "Confidential Chair of Australian Studies Beijing" in the subject line.
Or post to:
"Chair of Australian Studies Beijing"
Foundation for Australian Studies in China
c/o Riverstone Advisory
Level 24, 56 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000, AUSTRALIA
- Applicants must address the selection criteria and provide detailed curriculum vitae by the closing date. Please include the names, phone, facsimile numbers and email addresses of three referees in your application (see also section 8 below).
- All applications will be acknowledged within 14 working days of the closing date.
- Further Information:** Any enquiries regarding the selection process should be directed to Ms Shirley Gao by email: sgao@fasic.org.au ; or by phone: +61 2 8823 3207.

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1. POSITION SUMMARY

BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies at Peking University, Beijing, China

1.1 POSITION SUMMARY

This senior position will be based in the Australian Studies Centre at Peking University in Beijing. Peking University is one of the most prestigious tertiary institutions in China and has a longstanding commitment to the study of Australia through its Australian Studies Centre.

The Australia-China Council of the Australian Government created the BHP Billiton Chair of Australian Studies in collaboration with Peking University in 2011 to facilitate the growth of the study of Australia within Chinese tertiary institutions in China. The Foundation for Australian Studies in China (FASIC) was established independently of the Australian Government to manage the position and receive sponsorship and other funds in support of the Chair and the Australian Studies in China program. FASIC has received significant sponsorship from BHP Billiton and from Universities Australia in support of the program.

The Foundation for Australian Studies in China offers this Chair to one Australian scholar for up to two years. Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents.

Peking University is highly regarded for its academic research. Further information about the Australian Studies Centre at Peking University can be found at <http://pkuasc.fasic.org.au/>

The Chair's activities will have three primary areas of focus. First, the Chair may teach a course or courses within his/her area of expertise in Australian Studies at Peking University as may be agreed with the University. Second, the Chair will develop initiatives to support and enhance the Australian Studies programs at Peking University and at other universities and institutes around China. Third, the Chair will also be expected to engage more broadly in public activities to promote knowledge of Australian culture and society beyond the university sector. This might take the form of public lectures, participation in cultural events, responding to media enquiries etc.

Applicants from all fields of interest are encouraged to apply.

2. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Australia China Council has supported the study of Australia in China for over two decades by providing financial support through a grant to the University of Queensland, which has administered the usage of grant funds to Australian Studies Centres in China

The Chair will be expected to develop and expand academic networks across China through the Australian Studies in China Network (ASCN). This will include promoting the development of institutional links between Chinese institutions as well as institutional and academic relationships between China and Australia. The Chair is

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expected to assist in coordinating a program of visits by suitable Australian academics to engage with the ASCN.

In conjunction with ASCN, the Chair is expected to develop a program of Australian Studies activities which may include a symposium, workshops, seminars at PKU and other universities in China, and some possible contributions to Chinese academic journals. The Chair is also expected to contribute to relevant public and media events.

3. DURATION

The appointment is for up to two years. The period of appointment commences in February 2016 and the appointee must arrive in Beijing in advance of this time. The starting date will coincide with the commencement of the academic semester.

4. SALARY

An attractive salary package will be offered. It should be noted that all other candidate expenses relating to spouses and/or other family members are the responsibility of the candidate.

Peking University will provide accommodation on campus in Beijing. To that end, it would be appreciated if applicants could provide details indicative of family unit composition during the period of stay in China.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential Criteria

- PhD degree or significant achievement at senior level in Government or community.
- A capability of tertiary teaching and a willingness to encourage and mentor students.
- Demonstrated potential to contribute to the broad intellectual aims of the Australian Studies Centre and increased awareness and understanding in China of shared interests with Australia.
- Demonstrated commitment to research collaboration.
- Outstanding inter-personnel skills and a demonstrated capacity to communicate Australian studies in a cross-cultural environment.

Desirable

- Demonstrated excellence in research publications or other forms of publication or participation (a full publication record must be submitted with the application).
- Demonstrated excellence in research achievement both nationally and internationally.
- China experience.

6. APPLICATIONS

- 1) **Application Text** (must include the following)
 - Covering letter.

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- Selection Criteria: the essential criteria as outlined above must be addressed (maximum five pages).
- Research Interests: noting in particular how these were relevant to and/or would increase knowledge of Australia as a country of interest to the others.
- For those who have moved to academia more recently, a record of achievement at the most senior levels of government and community.
- Other activities including Proposed Research Program, organizing symposia and events with guest speakers etc. while in China.
- Australian Studies teaching proposal while at Peking University. This should be general in nature and indicate the main themes of your approach to the teaching duties. (Detailed subject outlines are not required).

2) Detailed Curriculum Vitae (must include the following)

- *Biographical Details*
 - Full Name (including former names)
 - Contact Details (work and home)
 - Academic Qualifications (date awarded)
 - Citizenship Status
 - Date of Birth
- *Employment History* (please list all relevant positions held at Australian institutions and other non-academic employment as appropriate).
- *Cultural Experience*. Please provide a short statement outlining your experience with cross-cultural interaction, whether in research, teaching or non-academic contexts.
- *Publications*. These are to be listed as per books; articles in refereed journals; refereed conference papers; unrefereed publications; other publications. If publications are jointly authored, please indicate the percentage (%) of your contribution.
- *Conference papers and public presentations*.
- *Grants held or in process*.
- *Teaching Record*.
- *Supervision of research higher degree students*.
- *Administrative experience*.

3) List of three (3) referees

- The names, phone, and facsimile numbers and email addresses of three referees must be included.
- The selection committee also requests that applicants advise how they became aware of the position to assist with future promotional activities.

7. FAMILY COMPOSITION

It would be appreciated if applicants could provide details indicative of family unit composition (eg 1 adult and 2 children) during the period of stay in China. This information will have no bearing on the selection process. It is required only to assist

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Peking University to find appropriate accommodation in advance and will not be released to any other agency.

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8. SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will be managed by FASIC and chaired by Emeritus Professor Mark Wainwright AM FTSE.

Candidates may be required to participate in an interview in Australia with a selection committee appointed by FASIC. A representative from Peking University will be involved in the selection process. The decision of FASIC is final.

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