

FOUNDATION FOR AUSTRALIAN STUDIES IN CHINA

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE BHP BILLITON AUSTRALIA CHINA SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Foundation for Australian Studies in China (FASIC) is pleased to announce the establishment and implementation of the **BHP Billiton Australia China Scholarships** (Scholarships). The Scholarships have been established to encourage and assist students and young professionals to pursue specialized study, research and experience in priority areas of interest in the bilateral Australia-China relationship. The Scholarships will be given to encourage Australian students and young professionals to study in China in the following priority areas of interest:

- Sustainability, including climate change, carbon capture storage, low emissions technology, biodiversity, water stewardship
- Governance, including corporate and local community governance, International Regulatory Systems
- Economic policy – Free Trade
- Women in leadership
- Australian Studies, with the scholarship awarded in this discipline to be known as the BHP Billiton David Walker Scholarship in Australian Studies

The Scholarships are administered by FASIC and funding has been generously provided by BHP Billiton. The Scholarships will have a value of up to A\$60,000 per annum and may be payable for up to three years, depending on the successful applicant's course of study.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or have been granted Permanent Resident Status prior to the date of an Applicant's submission of a Scholarship application. Applicants for the BHP Billiton David Walker Australian Studies Scholarship may be citizens of the People's Republic of China.

Applicants must have completed or be about to complete an undergraduate degree from an Australian or Chinese university and be planning to undertake postgraduate study at a Chinese university no later than in the calendar year following the year of the Applicant's Scholarship award.

A Selection Committee will consider the following criteria in assessing Applicants:

- Academic excellence (outstanding university results, such as honours degrees)
- Academic focus in areas of priority interest for the Scholarship program identified above
- Leadership skills
- Strong academic and community referees
- Commitment to the enhancement of the Australia China relationship

Application materials will be available online at www.fasic.org.au from 15 February 2016.