VICTORIA LATIN AMERICA DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN

The Andrews Labor Government has taken another step in strengthening education and research ties with Latin America, through the new Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarships.

Four high performing PhD students from Latin America will each receive $90,000 to study in Victoria in the 2016 academic year.

Minister for Training and Skills Steve Herbert last night opened nominations for the scholarships during a speech to members of the inbound Latin America education and research mission who are in Victoria for three weeks.

Mr Herbert announced the new scholarships during the highly successful education mission to Latin America in April.

The scholarships, worth up to $90,000, can be used to cover living expenses and also include a full fee waiver, through partnerships with Victorian universities.

To be eligible for a Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarship, candidates must:

- Be a citizen of a Latin American country;
- Have been accepted into a doctoral program at a participating Victorian university;
- Be intending to complete the majority of your doctoral work in Victoria;
- Not hold a qualification regarded to be equivalent to an Australian research doctorate, and;
- Be willing to be an ambassador for the Victoria Latin America Doctoral Scholarships.

The Labor Government is committed to strengthening ties with Latin American governments, industry and education institutions.

Mr Herbert said these scholarships will help attract more people to study at Victorian universities and will offer a world of opportunities to the four successful candidates.

Victoria’s economy is driven by the success of our education system. International education is Victoria’s single largest export sector generating $5.3 billion and supports more than 30,000 jobs.

The Labor Government has identified international education as one of Victoria’s future industries, and we’re working with the sector to boost its potential and to create new jobs.

To apply and for full terms, head to the Study Melbourne website: www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Steve Herbert

“These scholarships will help attract some of the brightest minds in Latin America to Victorian institutions, where they will be able to share their knowledge, as well as learn from some of the world’s most experienced academics.”

“The growing economies of Latin America form an important part of Victoria’s international education sector. Strong links with these countries will be of great benefit to both Victorian and Latin American education and research institutions.”

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