

2010 ACC AustCham Scholarship Recipients Announced

In its inaugural year, the China-Australia Chamber of Commerce Beijing (AustCham Beijing) is pleased to announce the 15 Australians who will be taking part in the 2010 ACC AustCham Scholarship. The Scholarship is a comprehensive career development platform aimed at fostering the next generation of Sino-Australian business leaders. Each year the scholarship will bring to China Australia's top graduates across a range of academic disciplines to undertake a full time 9 month graduate traineeship. During the traineeship, they will receive Mandarin language training, access to the Chambers professional business network, mentorship and sponsorship to attend business and industry seminars. At the end of the internship, exceptional individuals will be offered full time positions in the companies China operations.

The purpose of the program is to prepare Australia's future business leaders with the skills and experience necessary to navigate and thrive in the changing global marketplace. All recipients have demonstrated exceptional academics, extra curricular excellence and the potential to become future Australia-China business leaders.

Name	University	Degree	Company
William Benson	Australian National University	BComm & B Asian Studies	WesTrac China
Samuel Bunt	Australian National University	BComm & B Asian Studies	GNS China
Cecilia Chan	University of Melbourne	BMultimedia (Hons) & MM	Telstra
Katie Lowe	University of Technology Sydney	BEng & B Int. Studies (Hons)	Hassell
Bethany Mann	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	BDesign (Interior)(Hons)	Hassell
Chris McDonald	University of New England	BA	Navitas China
Alexander Osti	University of Adelaide	BEng (Hons), LLB (Hons) & PhD	Bluescope Steel
David Shaw	University of Queensland	BA & BEcon	Westpac
Kevin Shi	University of New South Wales	BComm & LLB	Westpac
Andrew Tang-Smith	Curtin University	BSc & MArch	Woods Bagot
Samuel Wearne	Deakin University	BA, BSc & MICD	ERM
Si Qi Wen	University of Sydney	BA & LLB (Hons)	Cochlear
Selene Wong	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology	BArch (Hons), BInt (Hons) & MArch	Woods Bagot
Ben Zhang	University of New South Wales	BEng (Chemical) & MEng (Biomedical)	Ausenco
Helen Zhang	Australian National University	B Asian Studies & BLaws (Hons)	One China Initiative

This year the scholarship received 160 applications from 23 Australian universities. Applicants included two Australian sporting representatives, several national level sporting champions, two Prime Ministers Asian Endeavor Award winners, a CCTV Language Proficiency finalist and multiple academic scholarship recipients. The average university entrance mark and weighted average university marks were 94.7 and 73 respectively. 53% of applicants held an intermediate or higher level of mandarin proficiency, 36% had studied at a university level in China and 53% have travelled in China.

The Scholarship would not be possible without the support of the Australia-China Council (grant provider), The National Australia Bank (sponsorship provider), Qantas (flights), Live the Language Mandarin school, Asia Pacific Access (Visa and immigration consultants) and our 11 corporate internship partners.

For more information about the Scholarship, how you can engage the scholars or how to become a partner, please contact:

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