

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN

SCHOLARSHIPS BY CANADA

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr R.G. Menzies

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, announced today that Canada has offered post-graduate scholarships for immediate competition by Australian students. The scholarships will cover return fares to Canada and the payment of living and other allowances.

This is the second offer made to Australia under the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, under which governments of Commonwealth countries will provide opportunities for post-graduate study in their own countries by men and women from other parts of the Commonwealth. This plan was adopted by the Commonwealth Education Conference at Oxford last year.

Mr. Menzies said that there had been strong competition from Australian graduates for the awards offered by the United Kingdom and he anticipated a similar response to the Canadian offer.

He went on to say that Australia will very shortly offer similar scholarships to other Commonwealth countries. These will have the effect of bringing graduates from those countries to study in Australian universities, thus contributing further to what he regarded as a most valuable exchange of high-quality graduate students.

Persons interested should make enquiries immediately from the Registrar of any Australian university or university college, or from the Commonwealth Office of Education. Successful applicants will commence their studies in Canada in October, 1960.

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