

Scottish International Scholarship Programme

October sees the launch of the Scottish Executive's new scholarship programme. 22 full scholarships are being offered to postgraduate students from 6 countries.

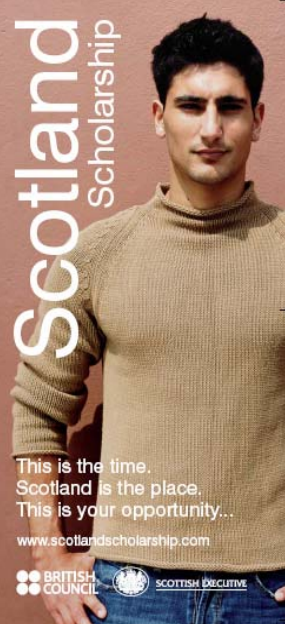
(9 in China, 6 in India, 2 in Singapore, 2 in South Africa, 2 in Australia and 1 in New Zealand)

Each scholarship covers the tuition fee and living allowance for a taught Masters course of up to 12 months duration at any Scottish institution for those who can show business flair in the fields of science and technology and creative industries. For more information see:

www.scotlandscholarship.com

Promoting Scotland as a study destination and recruiting international students is only one of the Scottish Executive's objectives. They also

want to encourage ethnic diversity and bring fresh thinking to Scotland's businesses. International students will now have an opportunity to enhance their work experience. From 2005 all students graduating from Scottish higher educational institutions will have the option to remain and work in Scotland for up to 2 years after they have graduated.



September and October have been busy months for the team, with visits to Kenya, Russia and China and the launch of the Scottish Executive Scholarship Programme. Lyndsey is co-ordinating an outward visit to India in November and Mark will be attending education fairs in Vietnam. The new Study Scotland guide to HEIs is also now available with other materials in the pipeline.

We look forward to seeing many of our overseas colleagues in Edinburgh during December – with the ECS conference and AGM and the British Council's Going Global conference!!



Scottish Materials

We are currently producing a new interactive CD ROM and are reprinting the new Study Scotland brochure on Scotland's universities. Brochures showcasing Scotland's FE colleges, Independent Boarding Schools and accredited English Language Schools are also being produced and will be sent to all British Council offices. Copies of all materials are available on request.

Scottish Education in China

Scotland's First Minister, Jack McConnell MSP, recently visited China to raise the profile of Scottish education and encourage students to come to Scotland through the Fresh Talent initiative.

Andrew Cubie, Chairman of British Council Scotland, was a member of the First Minister's delegation and travelled to China with Mark Simmons, EducationUKScotland's Market Development Manager to take part in the programme and attend education fairs in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.



The British Council office in China organised a China-Scotland Education Day as part of the First Minister's programme. During the day, Jack McConnell participated in an open forum with Chinese students about Scotland's place in the global society. Education UK Scotland also held a media event, chaired by Andrew Cubie. The First Minister outlined opportunities for Chinese students in Scotland and Mark Simmons talked about the experiences of Chinese students who have studied in Scottish universities. During his visit, the First Minister signed a memorandum of understanding between the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and the Chinese government that will enable SQA qualifications to be used in China.

Calendar of forthcoming activity

October 2004

16th- 23rd Nexus fairs, Beijing, Shanghai & Hong Kong
Scholarships launch – China

November 2004

8th-15th Education fairs, Vietnam
12th-17th Outward mission to India
Scholarships launch India & other countries

December 2004

7th- 8th ECS annual conference and AGM, Edinburgh
9th-10th Going Global conference, Edinburgh
12th-15th EDUKEX in United Arab Emirates

January 2005

Move over to FABS

February 2005

Education UK fairs, Mexico
Education fairs, Kenya