PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

For a History teacher to spend an entire week in Franklin D. Roosevelt’s library handling his papers — they’re not microfilm, you have the actual documents in your hand — it was an invaluable experience. There I was sitting in the library only a stone’s throw from FDR’s home. You get a sense of who the Roosevelts were when you get so close. You get a real sense of history and place.

Bruce Dennett, Baulkham Hills High School
Premier’s Modern History Scholarship winner 2001

SCHOLARSHIP EXAMPLES

• **Greg Bourne** – Tumut Campus, TAFE NSW. Premier’s English Literature Scholarship 2002: participated in six literary festivals in southern England to determine their value in improving literary awareness in Australian regional centres.

• **Jennifer Starink** – Glenmore Park High School. Premier’s Westfield American History Scholarship 2001: visited the United States to research the impact of colonisation on Native American cultures to enhance the teaching of American history in NSW schools.

• **Megan West** – Singleton High School and **Michael McCallum** – Hunter Sports High School. Premier’s English Literature Scholarship 2002: interviewed leading dramatists in the UK involved in the production of Tom Stoppard’s plays – *Arcadia* and *The Real Hound Detective* – to promote a range of interpretive analyses in HSC students.

• **Amanda Morton** – Athelstane Public School. Premier’s Special Education Scholarship 2002: attended four schools of excellence on the east coast of the United States to investigate their collaborative teaching methods which allow students with learning disabilities to achieve better results.

• **Kerry Ayre** – St Joseph’s High School, Albion Park. Premier’s Macquarie Bank Science Scholarship 2002: explored the organisation of five science fairs in the United States to assess their scope to encourage self-directed learning and the development of scientific investigative skills of students.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL AND REGIONAL TEACHERS

In recognition of the ways in which teachers can counter the difficulties created by fewer libraries, distance from universities and professional networks, a proportion of the awards is designated for teachers from non-metropolitan schools.

SUPPORT FROM PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The Premier’s Teacher Scholarships are strongly supported by a number of professional teachers associations in NSW including: the History Teachers Association, the English Teachers Association, the Educational Drama Association, the Science Teachers Association, the Australian Association of Special Education (NSW Chapter), the PDHPE Teachers Association and the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (NSW Branch).

SCHOLARSHIPS ADMINISTRATION

The Director-General of Education and Training in NSW chairs the scholarship selection panels. Panels include representatives of professional teacher associations and prominent community members with expertise in the discipline areas covered by the scholarships.

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

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PREMIER’S WESTFIELD MODERN HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS
Eight scholarships of $15,000 each are available for Modern History secondary school and TAFE teachers. The purpose of the scholarships is to research aspects of teaching Modern History relevant to the NSW curriculum. These scholarships are supported by Westfield and Berel and Agnes Ginges.

PREMIER’S MACQUARIE BANK SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS
Five scholarships of $15,000 each are available to support science teachers to investigate trends in teaching and visit some of the world’s best schools and centres in science education. The scholarships are open to current NSW schools and TAFE Science teachers. These scholarships are supported by Macquarie Bank.

PREMIER’S ENGLISH LITERATURE SCHOLARSHIPS
Five $10,000 scholarships are on hand for the purpose of travelling to the British Isles to visit universities, schools, libraries, theatres and literary sites relevant to the NSW curriculum. These scholarships are supported by Lend Lease, Allen & Unwin, NSW TAFE Commission Board and Jill Ker Conway.

PREMIER’S SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
Each scholarship of $10,000 enables a special education teacher from a NSW school or TAFE Institute to study aspects of teaching relevant to students with disabilities, learning or behavioural difficulties. The Premier supports one scholarship through royalties from his book Thoughtlines. It is anticipated that further scholarships will be established from corporate and other sponsors.

PREMIER’S COCA-COLA ACTIVE LIFESTYLE SCHOLARSHIPS
Four $15,000 scholarships are open to NSW schools and TAFE Institutes Personal Development, Health and Physical Education teachers to visit some of the world’s best schools and research centres, working on how to promote more active and healthy lifestyles for young people. These scholarships are supported by the Coca-Cola Australia Foundation.

BACKGROUND
In 1999 the Premier of NSW, Bob Carr was awarded the Australian Fulbright 50th Anniversary Distinguished Fellow Award.

The Premier used the award to initiate the American History scholarships for Modern History teachers.

Following the generous support of various sponsors, the scholarships now encompass English Literature, Science, Special Education and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, as well as Modern History.

WORDS FROM SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS
“Studying and exploring in a foreign land widens your horizons, broadens your ideas, and develops a better understanding of your own roots. It not only demonstrates the validity of other values but provides you with a clearer perspective of your own country after having seen it from a distance.”
Harriet Fulbright, President, Fulbright International Centre.

“I was moved very deeply by several of the recipients. I know my travel grant in 1960 changed my life and I could see that these Premier’s English Literature scholarships will do the same”.
Jill Ker Conway.

“Supporting teachers to encourage active lifestyles for our young people is a great investment in our community’s future.”
Terry Davis, Coca-Cola Amatil, Director Coca-Cola Australia Foundation.

“Send one teacher overseas and that teacher returns inspired and enthusiastic. The ripples of the new experience spread through many classes and into the school. Do this with many teachers and tens of thousands of schoolchildren could benefit.”
Frank Lowy, Westfield Holdings.

Ernst Mayr said: "Scientific progress consists in the development of new concepts". We trust that the Science scholarships will be the catalyst for teachers to consider new concepts for their teaching.
Nicholas Moore, Head, Investment Banking Group, Macquarie Bank.

"The passion of the History teachers, when they spoke of their award, is a wonderful outcome of the American History scholarship program."
Emeritus Professor Mal Nairn AM, Chair, Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

“Want to help make the best teachers in the world even better. Ultimately it is the students, learning in NSW classrooms, who will benefit from each scholarship winner.”
Bob Carr, Premier.