

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000535

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International student mobility programs

Question

Please provide an overview of the international student mobility programs being undertaken in 2015-16. What programs support Australians to study overseas? What programs attract international students to study in Australia? What is the total funding profile over forward estimates for student mobility programs administered by the Department? Also provide this funding profile in calendar years for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019

Answer

In 2015-16 (2016 round), the Department of Education and Training's Endeavour Mobility Grants comprises the following student mobility programmes that target different groups of tertiary students and study locations:

- International Student Exchange Programme
- Study Overseas Short-term Mobility Programme
- Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme
- Asia Postgraduate Programme
- Vocational Education and Training Outbound Mobility Programme
- Asia Vocational Education and Training Programme.

In addition, the New Colombo Plan in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supports undergraduate students to study in the Indo-Pacific region.

All of the above student mobility programmes support Australian students to study overseas. Grants are available for international higher education students to study in Australia under the International Student Exchange Programme and the Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme.

The total funding profile for Endeavour Mobility Grants over the forward estimates (2015-16 to 2018-19) is \$30,752,000 (GST exclusive). In addition, Cheung Kong (CK Hutchison Holdings) contributes \$625,000 (GST exclusive) per financial year to support the grants offered under the Endeavour Cheung Kong Student Exchange Programme.

Funding under Endeavour Mobility Grants is offered in annual funding rounds. The funding profile for each calendar year (and corresponding round and financial year) is as follows:

Calendar Year	Funding Round	Financial Year	Funding (GST exclusive)
2015	2016	2015-16	\$7,688,000
2016	2017	2016-17	\$7,688,000
2017	2018	2017-18	\$7,688,000
2018	2019	2018-19	\$7,688,000

The funding profile for 2019 (2019-20) is not included in the forward estimates.