

## Support for Foreign Graduate Students

This document describes support for foreign graduate students in selected departments in the USA, Canada, UK, and Australia. The list was compiled by Patrick Cavanagh of Harvard University. If you would like to add an entry, send a note to [visionlist@visionscience.com](mailto:visionlist@visionscience.com).

### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**University of Alabama at Birmingham:** All students accepted at PhD students in the Vision Science Graduate Program at UAB can expect to receive our current annual stipend of \$21,000 and the remission of all tuition and tuition related fees. Student health insurance is also provided. These funding opportunities cover the entire length of study. Recent students who completed the PhD have come from China, Ghana, Nigeria, India, Romania, Colombia as well as from the US.

**Baylor Neuroscience:** in the past Baylor has always had money to support two foreign students. Institutional money covers the first year, and after that they commit to a lab that picks up their support.

**Brandeis University:** Vision and visual neuroscience students are supported either through the Psychology Department or the Neuroscience Program which includes faculty from various departments. In Psychology, all incoming graduate students receive free tuition, health insurance and 5 years of stipend regardless of their nationality. Each year, the department takes one or two new vision graduate students. In Neuroscience, graduate students receive full tuition, a stipend and partial funding for health insurance (both foreign and U.S. citizens) for the entire period of study. In the first 3 years, the stipend is paid by either university funding (available for all Ph.D. students) or training grants (only U.S. citizens), and is paid by the PI in subsequent years. Tuition is covered either by university scholarship money or by the PI for all years. Our physics and chemistry departments (which interact a good deal with our quantitative biology groups) fund many foreign students and provide full tuition waivers, health insurance and the same stipend for US and foreign students.

**Brown University:** Neuroscience and Brain Science Graduate Programs accepts applications from non-US students. We can currently accept 1-2 non-US students for admission to our Programs each year. All students receive full support including a stipend (\$25,000 in 2006, health insurance, and full tuition).

**University of California, Davis:** Support foreign students as we do most of the rest of our first-years, with state money. Tuition, however, is about twice as much as a Calif. resident (and most students can declare residency sometime in their first year). Since foreigners can never declare state residency, their tuition and fees never go down. So, we end up taking few, and mostly those who come with intent to join a particular lab, and when that lab has declared willingness to pay the high bills.

**Colorado State University:** The Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Neuroscience Program admits 3-5 students per year with full support (stipend and tuition). On average over a 10 year period we have supported about 1 international student per year.

**Columbia University:** Center for Neurobiology and Behavior. We fully fund our entire class of 8 students/yr for the first two years. 15% of our current students (all years) are foreigners (not counting MD/PhDs). On average, the funding for these 16 slots is: 8 from a training grant, 4.5 from the university (which can be used for foreign students), and the rest from NSF Fellowships. Beyond the second year 34% of students currently have individual fellowships, 8% are on training grants, & the remaining 62% are on NIH research grants. Each class typically also has about 3-4 MD/PhDs, but they are all selected from a pool that is 100% training-grant eligible (US citizen, residents). In the Dept. of Psychology, foreign students are treated the same as United States students, and they all receive support. Here is the description from the department's web page: "The program is a five-year consecutive series of classes and research culminating in the Ph.D. degree. All students accepted to the five-year program receive a Faculty Fellowship, which supports tuition, health and insurance fees, and an annual stipend. All fellows receive equal awards and the stipend level is adjusted each year to keep pace with inflation".

**Duke University:** The Interdisciplinary Training Program in Cognitive Neuroscience (<http://mind.duke.edu/training/graduate.html>) provides full funding from the University for the first two years and then the individual advisors are responsible for the remaining three years of guaranteed support. As long as the student chooses a lab that has sufficient funding, the program is open to foreign students. The Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences (soon to be renamed as part of a merged psychology program) guarantees five years of funding. The University provides enough support to subsidize the costs so foreign students are eligible. <http://pbs.duke.edu/> The Neurobiology Program supports up to 5 international students per year using funds from the Graduate School.

**Georgia State University** is a Carnegie level II research institution with two programs leading to a degree in neuroscience, one through Biology (<http://biology.gsu.edu/graduate/PhD/nb/program.html>) and one through Psychology (<http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwpsy/NBNProg.htm>). All Ph.D. students in both programs, including those that are foreign nationals, receive a full stipend sufficient to cover living costs and a tuition waiver. This support comes from the university and not from federal sources, so immigration status is not an issue. Most students teach lab sections in order to earn their stipend, and some are covered on faculty research grants.

**Harvard University: Psychology.** All students receive offer of free tuition and 3 years of stipend (first 2 years and last year) with guaranteed teaching to fill years of no stipend. The Psychology Dept takes 1, sometimes 2 vision graduate students per year.

**Harvard University: Program in Neuroscience.** The University-wide Program in Neuroscience has an incoming class size of about 15 students each year. Students come from widely diverse backgrounds and have a range of research interests that parallels the breadth of the Program faculty. All students receive full tuition support and a stipend (\$28,000/year in 2006-2007) for the duration of their PhD work. In a typical year, two offers of admission are made to foreign students.

**University of Houston:** Physiological Optics and Vision Sciences, College of Optometry. All graduate students receive an offer of free tuition and fees, and a stipend of \$20,772. Licensed optometrists received current resident's pay which is currently about \$30,000. Students are supported by teaching assistantships (TA, most common in the first year), research assistantships (RA) from advisors' grants, or by a training grant from National Eye Institute. All TA support is open to foreign nationals; similarly virtually all RA support (except from the training grant) is open to foreign nationals who currently comprise 55% of our students.

**University of Houston:** Electrical & Computer Engineering, College of Engineering (research in vision and cognitive neuroscience). Our policy for PhD students is to identify an advisor at the time of admission; if the advisor has funding then the department supports the first year as teaching assistant (TA). In the following years, the student is supported by the advisor's grant as research assistant (RA). Students qualify for the Graduate Assistant Tuition Fellowship (GATF) which covers the cost of 9 hours of tuition. All TA support is open to foreign nationals; similarly virtually all RA support is open to foreign nationals. Currently 66% of graduate students are foreign nationals.

**University of Illinois at Chicago: College of Medicine.** When students are admitted into graduate programs in the College of Medicine (GEMS), first year students are supported without respect to citizenship or country of origin and laboratories that accept students for dissertation work in subsequent years of graduate training must have funding to support those students. We have had students from a variety of countries including Romania, Slovakia, Brazil, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt as well as China, Japan and Korea in recent years. The fact that these students are not eligible for NIH training grants or fellowships is unfortunate, but we do not base admissions decisions on that.

**Indiana University:** Program in Neuroscience applicants accepted with support on university funds (typically teaching assistants) or research grants can be either domestic or foreign. We typically admit 1 or 2 foreign applicants/year to our neuroscience program this way (out of a total of 4-8 admissions/year). The foreign student, however, must pass a university language proficiency test in the summer if any teaching is involved. Support via training grant or university fellowship is restricted to domestic applicants.

**Johns Hopkins: Neuroscience.** All students who enter the program receive full tuition, medical benefits and a stipend that is adjusted on a yearly basis. Typically we accept about 12 Ph.D students into the program with about half of

them being domestic and the other half being foreign. For the first year students are funded by a variety of sources, training grants, departmental funds etc. After the first year students (both foreign and domestic) are supported completely by their PhD lab.

**Indiana University: Graduate Program in Vision Science, School of Optometry.** The Program accepts one to four new Ph.D. students each year. All graduate students receive full tuition and a stipend for four years. This multidisciplinary program offers numerous research opportunities in faculty laboratories and in the Borish Center for Ophthalmic Research. Training is in the breadth of vision science, with Ph.D. dissertations in optics, retina, early visual development, and anterior segment. Current students are from the US, China, India, and Hong Kong.

**Johns Hopkins: Psychological and Brain Sciences.** All students accepted into the program receive full tuition, individual health insurance, and a stipend. Support is guaranteed for up to five years for students in good standing. Support comes from departmental funds, fellowships, and research grants; some funding comes from students serving as teaching assistants. About one-third of our students are foreign citizens.

**University of Louisville: Psychology.** All students receive free tuition and 4 years of stipend. The Psychology Department takes 3 -5 graduate students in vision or hearing per year. Each year at least one of these is a foreign student. Students receive support from a number of sources that include University Graduate Fellowships, Graduate Teaching Assistantships and individual external grant funds. Students interested in the PhD program in Experimental Psychology, which includes Perception and Neural Sciences as well as Cognitive and Developmental Sciences should contact Maureen McCall, Director of Experimental Studies (mo.mccall@louisville.edu).

**University of Louisville: The Department of Anatomical Sciences and Neurobiology.** The Department welcomes foreign students and provides full tuition and stipend for the duration of their training. Currently about half of our Ph.D. students are foreign. The first 18 months of support are provided by the Integrated Program in Biomedical Sciences: <http://ipibs.louisville.edu/> After that time the students are supported by their mentors. For more information see <http://www.neurosci.louisville.edu/>

**Marquette University: Department of Biological Sciences.** Nearly half of our graduate students (25 total) are foreign students. We currently have a GAAAN award for which these students are not eligible. However, the remaining means of supporting students - teaching assistantships (this is dependent on a minimum TOEFL) and research assistantships (from the University to the student or by means of the PI's grant) - are available to both foreign and domestic students.

**University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts: Neuroscience Program.** Regardless of nationality, graduate students are

supported by the graduate school for the first year and by funds from the mentor's funding sources in subsequent years throughout the graduate program (equivalent to research assistantships). There are no undergrads at the Worcester campus, so there are no TA positions. Stipend levels are currently \$25,740 per year (AY2006-2007). Students receive a tuition waiver, and are provided with health, dental and disability insurance. The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences typically admits 50-70 students, with approximately 25 per year being foreign students. Historically, the admissions committee has been relatively negative in their attitude toward students with cognitive, behavioral, psychological research experience if it is not accompanied by significant experience in cellular or molecular approaches. Each year, 6-12 students choose mentors in the interdepartmental Program in Neuroscience in their second year of study. The program routinely admits significant groups of students admitted from China, India, and Taiwan, as well as a number of students from Turkey and Argentina. More information is available from the program websites ([www.umassmed.edu/gsbs](http://www.umassmed.edu/gsbs) and [www.umassmed.edu/neuroscience/](http://www.umassmed.edu/neuroscience/)) and from the ANDP website.

**Mayo Clinic College of Medicine:** Graduate School. We have a Molecular Neuroscience Program and we do accept foreign graduate students. However, similar to Stanford's, our program only accepts 1-2 new foreign students per year (although we have also had a year - I think it was 2002 - where we accepted 3 Asian students). The thing that sets Mayo Graduate School apart from most US graduate schools is that we provide full stipend support (currently \$22,900 per year) for up to 5 years for all students, domestic and foreign. Because of our small size (~25 new graduate students accepted per year for the entire graduate school), we can only accept few students into the Nsci program (4-6), and only 1-2 of these are usually from foreign countries. It's very competitive. (Mayo Graduate school website: <http://www.mayo.edu/mgs/phd.html>; Molecular Neuroscience program: <http://www.mayo.edu/mgs/neuro.html>)

**MIT: Brain and Cognitive Sciences.** Students in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science are fully supported (with tuition, stipend and health insurance) for the duration of their graduate education through a combination of training grant funds, fellowships, teaching assistantships and research assistantships. International students receive the same level of support as US students. They are normally funded first by departmental fellowships or teaching assistantships, and subsequently by research assistantships in individual labs. Our program accepts about 15 US and international students a year. Approximately 13% of the current graduate student body is international, and we welcome outstanding applicants.

**University of New Hampshire, Department of Psychology:** All students in our graduate program receive a full tuition waiver and a stipend for four to five years in return for 20 hours per week of assistantship duties. Our Brain, Behavior, and Cognition program takes about three students per year with specializations in Animal Cognition, Behavioral Neuroscience, Cognition, or Sensation and Perception ([www.unh.edu/psychology/](http://www.unh.edu/psychology/)). Non-US citizens are welcome.

**New York University.** Two training programs in vision research at NYU -- the Cognition and Perception Program of the Department of Psychology and the Doctoral Program in Neural Science -- offer support to foreign students. Students admitted to these programs are supported from a combination of individual and university fellowships, teaching assistantships, training grants, and faculty grants. Support is guaranteed for five years for all admitted students regardless of nationality, as long as they remain in good academic standing. For information on admissions to these programs, see <http://www.psych.nyu.edu> or <http://www.cns.nyu.edu> or <http://vision.nyu.edu>.

**SUNY Optometry (State University of New York, State College of Optometry):** All students accepted as full-time graduate students leading to the PhD in the Vision Science Graduate Program at receive an annual stipend of approximately \$20,000 and the remission of all tuition costs. There is also scholarship supplemental support for the some of the most outstanding candidates. Student health insurance is also provided. These funding opportunities cover the entire length of study.

**University of North Texas:** The Dept. of Biological Sciences has many Teaching Assistantships for foreign students, provided they can pass a "speak test" upon arrival here. Most of our applicants pass this test, but the ones who don't typically prepare labs and take a speaking course until they pass the test, after which they teach labs in undergraduate Biology courses. Students can usually count on having a Teaching Assistantship throughout their years as graduate students, but some have Research Assistantships. There are just a few scholarships for first year Masters or Ph.D. students, and foreign students can compete for these.

**Northeastern University, Department of Psychology.** US Citizens or permanent residents may be supported by our training grant, but regardless of national origin, all students are supported year-round at a stipend level of \$21,396, plus free tuition. Responsibilities include some teaching assistantship duties for some semesters so English proficiency is required of all students. Applicants may choose from among several NU faculty members working at various levels of the visual system, all of whom maintain close ties to other vision groups working in the Boston area. [www.psych.neu.edu/research/perception.html](http://www.psych.neu.edu/research/perception.html).

**Northwestern University:** The Institute for Neuroscience accepts between 20-25 students annually, about a quarter of which are international students. All students receive funding through the university for the first year, then are picked up by their PIs. At least until now, we've always had enough faculty with enough R01 funding to support our foreign students. Support derives from University fellowships and sponsored projects and is guaranteed for the course of the study provided the students remain in good standing.

**Ohio University:** Our graduate program (Biology, but includes Neuroscience) routinely accepts foreign students. Currently, these are mostly from China, but

many are from India and Pakistan, and this year we even had a couple of Iranian applicants. The latter were not accepted because their TOEFL scores were too low, especially in writing, so you might pass on to your friends that English proficiency is likely to be their biggest stumbling block. We generally offer full support to accepted students, regardless of nationality - we don't have a foreign quota or limit.

**University of Pennsylvania:** All students accepted into the Penn Neuroscience Graduate Group (<http://www.med.upenn.edu/ins/ngg.html>) are fully supported (stipend, tuition, fees, personal health insurance) for the duration of their PhD work as long as they continue to make good academic progress, as assessed regularly by the Program Faculty. There is a program requirement, unrelated to funding, to be a teaching assistant for one semester in a designated undergraduate Neuroscience course. Students are accepted each year in all areas of Neuroscience, with no limit placed on any particular area. Generally, 3-5 International Students are accepted each year.

**University of Southern California:** The Neuroscience Graduate Program offers institutional fellowships and teaching assistantships for both foreign and domestic students (<http://www.usc.edu/dept/LAS/biosci/ngp/>). Most students are funded by research grants after the first year, although teaching assistantships and research assistantships remain available. We have no set limit on numbers of international acceptances, and make several each year. The Departments of Psychology, Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering also have opportunities for foreign students interested in vision.

**University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio: Department of Pharmacology.** The Department provides financial support for international students in the same manner as for domestic students. Individuals admitted into the graduate program are classified as Teaching Assistants and receive an annual stipend, which is currently set at \$21,000. In addition, students receive a health insurance supplement. Our students do pay tuition; however, the rate is quite low (estimated total tuition and fees is the same for all students, about \$2900). All graduate students are supported by the Department for the first year of their matriculation. Beginning in the Fall of the second year, the support transfers to the student's chosen mentor. Students in good standing within the Department are guaranteed a stipend for 5 years.

**Rutgers University:** offers university support for 5 years. UMDNJ for 1.5 years, then the students go on faculty grants. We run a joint academic program.  
<http://www.ins-rutgers-umdnj.rutgers.edu/>

**Southern Illinois University at Carbondale:** The Brain and Cognitive Sciences program in the Department of Psychology admits students with interests in developmental neuroscience, cognitive neuroscience, and systems neuroscience. All students admitted to the program receive free tuition and 4 years of stipend through guaranteed teaching and research assistantships, regardless of nationality.

**Stanford Medical School:** All students are supported from federal training grants or federal individual fellowships (NSF, NDSEG, etc) during their first two years so there is no support for foreign students. Financial support thereafter is the responsibility of the individual thesis adviser.

**Texas Tech University:** The Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) PhD program in Pharmacology and Neuroscience provides full financial support regardless of the country of origin. However we have a small graduate program and typically accept 1-3 PhD students per year. Our application process is online and more details about the graduate program can be found at <http://www.ttuhs.edu/som/pharmacology/>

**Vanderbilt University School of Medicine:** Supports one or two non-US citizens per year.

**University of Washington, Seattle, Program in Neurobiology and Behavior:** All students receive a stipend and tuition waiver in year 1. Financial support thereafter is the responsibility of the individual thesis adviser. Because training grant support is not available for foreign graduate students, it is highly recommended that applicants contact potential advisors before applying. An enthusiastic advisor who is willing to support a foreign student can influence the admissions committee to overlook the funding constraints.

**Washington State University.** Our Graduate Program in Neuroscience typically admits 1-2 foreign graduate students a year and we support them as we would any domestic student (two years on departmental support and then the student is supported by their mentor).

**Yale University: Psychology.** The Department of Psychology is typically able to admit 1-3 graduate students who study perception per year, and has recruited many foreign students. All students, regardless of their citizenship, receive full tuition remission and guaranteed stipends for 5 years (currently \$19,000 per academic year, with additional \$3500 summer support for the first 3 years). As part of their training, all students must serve as teaching fellows for only 3 classes during their graduate career; these positions involve assisting professors, not teaching independent classes.

## CANADA

**University of Calgary.** Foreign students are welcome in graduate programs at the University of Calgary! All incoming Neuroscience graduate students are guaranteed a full stipend for a minimum of two years, paid by their graduate supervisor from his/her research grants if the student is unable to get funding from an external source. Students generally must pay tuition from their stipend. Foreign students are on equal footing with Canadian students, except that fewer external funding sources are available to them (in Canada, as in the US, federal



funding for grad students excludes foreigners). A tuition surcharge (double) to foreign students is refunded, if the payor is the student or his/her supervisor's grant. Bill Stell, Neuroscience Graduate Coordinator.

<http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/programs/programs/mdns.htm>.

**Concordia University: Psychology.** the Cognitive science group, including the Vision research group, welcomes international applications. Incoming graduate students are supported by a combination of funds, including diverse University bursaries and fellowships, departmental fellowships, and supervisors' research funds. Each student is guaranteed a minimal financial support each year. The graduate program encourages foreign applicants and typically accepts 1-3 students from outside Canada each year. International students may apply to an International fee remission competition. At least one or two International applicants to the Psychology department typically receive this fee remission each year. Further details, including external funding sources for international applicants, can be found at the program website (<http://www-psychology.concordia.ca/>) or at the Graduate Studies website (<http://graduatestudies.concordia.ca/>).

**McGill University: Psychology.** Incoming graduate students are supported by a combination of funds, including departmental, supervisor, and the Behavioural Neuroscience Training Grant, which is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Applicants may choose from among 19 participating faculty members or take a rotational route by indicating an area of interest (e.g., vision, memory, etc.). The program encourages foreign applicants and typically accepts 1-3 students from outside Canada each year. Further details, including external funding sources for international applicants, can be found at the program website (<http://www.mbns.ca>) or by contacting the Program Director, Dr. Avi Chaudhuri ([avi@psych.mcgill.ca](mailto:avi@psych.mcgill.ca)). At McGill students are accepted into a lab at the same time they are accepted into the Program in the Neurosciences. Stipends are provided by the P.I. of the lab, but the students have to pay their own tuition. Both tuition and salary are higher for foreign students than for Canadians, with tuition being about half the gross stipend in both cases.

**McMaster University.** McMaster's Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour provides full support for all students, regardless of nationality. Funding is guaranteed for up to two years in the Master's program, and for up to four additional years in the PhD program (note that most students are promoted into the PhD program after one MSc year, rather than completing a formal MSc degree, so full funding typically is awarded for 5 years). Students receive a graduate scholarship plus TA funding in each year. They are expected to pay tuition from that sum (but Canadian tuition is relatively inexpensive -- ~\$5K Canadian); VISA students (non-Canadians) receive tuition waivers to cover the difference in foreign tuition rates. The Department provides additional support for students to attend national and international conferences. The Department typically takes 12-15 graduate students / year, and approximately 25% of our students do research in vision science.

**University of Toronto,** the Institute of Medical Science, offers a guaranteed

funding package for graduate students in the first two years of a Master of Science degree, and in the first five years of a Doctor of Philosophy degree. Effective September 2006, the minimum stipend for Master of Science graduate students in the IMS is \$24,500 per annum. The minimum stipend for Doctor of Philosophy graduate students in the IMS is \$25,500 per annum. Students receiving an external, competitively-reviewed award valued at or over \$15,000/annum (i.e. CIHR Doctoral Award, OGSST, OGS, NSERC PGS) will be rewarded by having their stipends set at \$27,500 and \$28,500 for MSc and PhD students, respectively. Tuition fees are the responsibility of the student. Domestic fees are \$6214 per annum. International fees are \$13,300 for new students and \$11,489 for continuing students (full-time MSc or PhD). The IMS provides a fee differential waiver of \$5000/annum for all international students who are assessed international fees and do not have a fee waiver from another source. Some awards, such as the Connaught Scholarship, cover tuition. International students who are in residency programs and are doing graduate studies usually have tuition paid by their "host" clinical residency program. The Program in Neuroscience encourages foreign (including US) graduate students to apply and there are several foreign graduate students. Although it is more difficult to obtain financial support for foreign graduate students in this program there are some sources.

**University of Waterloo: Vision Science Program.** Financial support for graduate students, who do not have external funding, is usually a combination of teaching and research assistant stipends. The research assistant stipends are usually paid by the supervisor and the teaching assistant stipends are paid by the School of Optometry. The stipends are used to cover both tuition and living expenses. Tuition for foreign applicants is higher, but 50% of the foreign surcharge is waived for qualifying MSc students for 2 years and 100% of the surcharge is waived for qualifying PhD students for 3 years.  
<http://www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/graduate/>

**York University, Canada** provides full stipends plus funds to cover tuition in both the biology and psychology departments. Part of these funds generally require that one be a teaching assistant in an undergraduate course, while the remainder come from a combination of University funds and individual research grants. Faculty at the Centre for Vision Research typically accept 4-5 graduate students interested in vision research each year, with the number of foreign students determined by the quality of the applicants.

## UK

**St Andrews University School of Psychology.** The School has a number of studentships to offer each year. We accept applications from graduates whose initial training has been in Psychology or a cognate discipline. We also welcome applicants to our Ph.D programme who have a Masters in Research degree. It should be noted that we are keen to reward results that have been achieved

against a background of personal hardship or social disadvantage. Studentships usually cover tuition fees for 'home' (UK or EU) students and maintenance and are open to home and overseas students. In addition, ORSAS awards are specifically for 'overseas' students to cover the difference between overseas and home fees. The deadline for university applications to ORSAS is usually in February of each year so prospective overseas students are advised to apply early to the School. <http://psy.st-andrews.ac.uk/vacancies/phd.shtml>

**Cardiff University** (School of Optometry and Vision Sciences): Financial support is the responsibility of the individual higher degree supervisor. Typically, all EU (European Union) students receive 3-4 years of stipend and free tuition. Limited external funding is available on a competitive basis to provide tuition for non-EU applicants.

**University of Birmingham UK:** The School of Psychology gives all non-European Union (EU) students a 2000 pound travel bursary. Such students are also considered for School scholarships. However these scholarships are intended to cover fees and maintenance for UK students. Since the fees for UK students are subsidised by the government the result is that the scholarship and travel bursary between them only cover the tuition fees of non-EU students. Some additional support is available via external studentships but there are not many of these. Finally student visas allow the holder to work part time although in most cases this potential income cannot be used to support the visa application.

**Imperial College London:** While most government support is limited to UK or EU residents, there are a number of scholarship schemes open to international applicants. Scholarships generally cover the duration of a UK PhD. Some home-rate scholarships can be taken up by overseas candidates, provided they also obtain an award (ORS) that covers the difference between home and overseas fee rates. Vision research takes place in the Dept of Clinical Neuroscience (Faculty of Medicine) and the Dept. of Bioengineering (Faculty of Engineering).

**University of Wales, Bangor, Psychology:** we support a foreign student or two when ever we have funds to do so. In the past three years we have supported 4 foreign students, paying their tuition and providing stipends for the duration of their PhD degree (in exchange for teaching assistance). The UK also has special studentships to help students from developing countries but these are few and spread across all science disciplines.

## AUSTRALIA

**University of New South Wales:** At the School of Optometry and Vision Science, international students can apply for an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS) to cover tuition fees and annual stipend (two years for MSc; 3 years for PhD). In addition, a number of other postgraduate research scholarships are available (see web address below). Note that AUSAID

scholarships are available to students from certain countries ([www.ausaid.gov.au](http://www.ausaid.gov.au)), and the Brien A. Holden Postgraduate Research Scholarship is particularly aimed at applicants from developing countries. Research students from a variety of disciplines, including optometry and vision science, psychology, microbiology, education, bio-engineering and pharmacology, have studied for higher degrees in optometry at the School. More information on the School and the program can be obtained at <http://www.optom.unsw.edu.au/>  
<http://www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/> listings here marked with 'I' are those available to international applicants.