



Media Release

AMANDA RISHWORTH MP

Member for Kingston

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\$23, 896, 412 FOR FLINDERS UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal Member for Kingston today welcomed the announcement of nearly \$24 million in grants to Flinders University to support higher education research.

The funding for Flinders University is part of \$1.42 billion in Research Block Grants Australia-wide announced recently by Innovation Minister, Senator Kim Carr.

“The grants continue the Rudd Government’s strong support for higher education research and research training,” Ms Rishworth said.

This grant includes \$10, 188, 915 in tuition support for PhD and Masters by research students delivered through the Research Training Scheme.

Ms Rishworth said “This boost in funding will support higher education and research by encouraging the brightest local students to continue to higher degrees.

“It also fosters international collaboration through the International Postgraduate Research Scheme which provides fund \$20 million to attract the highest quality research students from overseas.”

Ms Rishworth said “The Australian Postgraduate Award scheme will provide scholarships to an extra 52 exceptional students who will commence postgraduate research in 2010 at Flinders University. The scheme has also been increased by 10 percent to \$22,500 per year.”

In a new program, Sustainable Research Excellence, the Rudd Government will provide universities with funding to help meet the indirect costs of research. In 2010 this will include \$1, 359, 450 for Flinders University.

Ms Rishworth said that the boost to the number and amount of Australian Postgraduate Awards, and the Strategic Research Excellence program, are part of the Rudd Government’s *Powering Ideas* research and innovation agenda.

“The Rudd Government will continue to support research that drives excellence, collaboration and diversity – vital elements for Australia’s prosperity” said Ms Rishworth.