



AIM HIGHER: LEARNING, TRAINING AND BETTER JOBS FOR MORE AUSTRALIANS

300 new post-doctoral fellowships for Australians

Labor will create 300 new, three year fellowships for newly graduated PhDs to keep our best young minds in Australia.

- Too many of our best young people are leaving Australia and not coming back because of the lack of career opportunities and deteriorating conditions under the Howard Government.
- Labor values the contribution of our best and brightest and wants to keep our high achievers in Australia by offering them real career opportunities and research support.
- Australian research breakthroughs and inventions should benefit all Australians. It's in our national interest to develop and market Australian research and expertise here in Australia, not offshore.

Australia's brain drain is accelerating under the Howard Government

- A report has found that 61.5 per cent of academics surveyed have lost talented researchers to overseas universities in the last five years.
- They're leaving because there's no employment security, no career path, insufficient research support, and too few jobs.

Labor will halt Australia's brain drain

- By boosting post-doctoral jobs in Australia, Labor will reduce the flow of home-grown talent overseas and encourage qualified young people back into our universities and research institutions.
- Under Labor, talented Australians will be able to use their skills and training in their own country instead of being forced overseas.
- 300 fellowships for PhDs will cost \$43.9 million over three years.
- 'More post-doctoral fellowships for talented Australians' is an initiative of ***Aim Higher: Learning, training and better jobs for more Australians***—Labor's plan to re-build, reform and expand Australia's universities and TAFEs.

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