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SA Government unveils new fee-waiver initiative to support international research students

The South Australian Government has announced an important new initiative to attract more highly-qualified international research students to the state.

A total of $500,000 is being provided to pay the primary and high school fees for the children of many international Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students studying at universities in Adelaide.

Employment, Training and Further Education Minister, Michael O’Brien says the new scheme will help attract more leading research students to South Australia.

“This State Budget initiative brings South Australia into line with some other states and is another reason for these outstanding students to come here and expand the state’s research and innovation base,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The scheme is funded for the next four years and, in particular, will help our universities attract the top students from countries such as Malaysia, Vietnam and the United Arab Emirates.”

The new policy is for dependent children of international HDR students who are:

- Enrolled in the HDR program at South Australian universities, rather than Adelaide-based foreign universities
- HDR students sponsored by their home country – by a foreign government (including public universities and statutory bodies), by an overseas provincial or state government or by a multilateral agency
- Living in SA for at least 75% of their studies. HDR students can travel overseas or interstate for field work or other research. The student’s family can stay in Australia only if the principal visa holder is not out of the country for more than six months

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