

EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Program 2009

Background Information

With 12 million users and more than 1,500 partners, SAP is the world's largest inter-enterprise software company and the world's third-largest independent software provider overall. A rich history of innovation and growth has made SAP a true industry leader today employing more than 34,000 people in over 50 countries. SAP Research – the technology research department of SAP – prepares the groundwork for future growth by identifying emerging IT trends. It focuses on strategically important SAP business areas together with leveraging entrepreneurial creative talent. SAP Research is a global organization with Research sites around the world, including Australia.

The EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Program is designed to support highly skilled, innovative, and motivated PhD students who demonstrate the potential to become future research leaders in the areas of:

- Business Process Management
- Semantic Interoperability
- Knowledge Management
- Security and Trust

Objectives

- To foster real and mutually beneficial research collaboration between outstanding PhD students and SAP. You will be working in a team of world-class researchers where interaction will be intensive and rewarding.
- To greatly expand and strengthen the research scope and experience for PhD students beyond the familiar university domain. The research visit will provide a unique opportunity to gain valuable industry experience during your study.
- To recognize PhD students who demonstrate exceptional academic standing, progress and achievement.
- To broaden the student's international research contacts. The EII-SAP Research Visit Program is a unique opportunity to build contacts in the industry as a stepping stone for a future career.

Award Provisions

- Three EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Awards will be available in 2008-09
- Return economy airfare to Brisbane if applicable
- A tax free accommodation and subsistence allowance of AUD1600 per month
- PhD visitors will conduct their research under the guidance of a SAP Research CEC Brisbane mentor and research group

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be enrolled fulltime as PhD candidates at an Australian university which is an EII member institution: <http://www.eii.edu.au/institutions>
- Applicants must specialize in one of the SAP Research CEC Brisbane research areas: Business Process Management and Semantic Interoperability, Knowledge People Interaction, Security and Trust
- Applicants must be recognized by their advisor and school to have outstanding potential as a researcher

Conditions:

- Non-Disclosure and intellectual property agreements will have to be signed prior to commencement of the research visit
- Successful applicants must take appropriate action via their university if the receipt of the EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Award conflicts with the conditions of other awards
- After the conclusion of the research visit, the student will submit a summary of achievements and outcomes to EII

How to Apply:

Step 1:

- Application form: Personal and research background
- Attachments: Academic transcript, research plan, and recommendation letter from Principal Advisor

Submission:

Please ensure your submission arrives by the deadline of **30 November 2008**

- Email: eii@eii.edu.au, or
- Fax: 07-3365 4999, or
- Post: Kathleen Williamson, EII Network Manager, School of Information Technology & Electrical Engineering, The University of Queensland, Brisbane Q 4072

Step 2:

- Short listed applicants will be notified by **31 January 2009**, and asked to submit recommendation letters from their Head of Research Division and/or Head of School

Selection Process & Criteria

- Applications will be short listed by EII's Steering Committee composed of 11 leading ICT researchers in Australia: <http://www.eii.edu.au/steering/members>, and Dr Karsten Schulz, Head of SAP Research Asia Pacific Area
- Short listed applicants will be asked to submit recommendation letters from their Head of Research Division and/or Head of School
- Short listed applicants may be invited for an interview, conducted either face to face or by telephone
- Decisions will be based on the applicant's overall potential for research excellence, their academic progress to date, and the degree to which their research interests align with those of SAP Research CEC Brisbane

Schedule & Deadlines

EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Application Deadline	30 November 2008
Short listed applicants notified	31 January 2009
Recommendation Letters Due	15 February 2009
Interviews	15-28 February 2009
Final Notification of Awards	1 March 2009

Additional Information:

Any questions concerning the EII-SAP PhD Research Visit Program may be addressed to [EII](#). For access to the application form and other program information, visit: <http://www.eii.edu.au/SAP/PhDvisit>

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