Macquarie University announces Big History International Undergraduate scholarship of up to INR 1 Crore

Open for students in India, the second edition of the Big History Scholarship will be awarded from July 2017

New Delhi, June 8, 2017: Macquarie University has announced the second edition of the [Big History International Student Undergraduate Scholarship](#) which is available to all international students who apply for any undergraduate course at Macquarie and have verified completion of the Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC available through the COURSERA®platform.

The scholarships will cover all tuition fees up to $50,000 AUD per year for an undergraduate degree of 3-4 years duration, depending on the program of study. This represents a value of 2.5 million or INR 25 lakhs per yearfor a total value of 10 million rupees, or INR 1 crore.

Indian students who enrol in the MOOC and finish the six week course will be eligible for selection; with the deadline to **apply is 30 June 2017**. After June 30, all applications would be considered for the 2018 scholarship.

Since the launch last year, nearly 3000 students from India enrolled in the Big History MOOC on Coursera. Last years' inaugural recipient of the scholarship was Shvetha Suresh from India.

Speaking about the scholarship, Mr Andrew McKenna, Executive Director of the Big History Institute at Macquarie University said: "The response from students across the globe to the first edition of the Big History International Undergraduate scholarship has been extremely encouraging. It is great to have the scholarship in place, and I am sure we will see more Indian students enrolling in our ground-breaking MOOC to take full advantage of this fantastic opportunity."

Launched in December 2015, Big History: Connecting Knowledge features 20 academics from across Macquarie University. A six-week program, it is a unique and epic trans-disciplinary journey that begins 13.8 billion years ago with the Big Bang and traverses time to the present exploring how our universe and our world has evolved from incredible simplicity to ever-increasing complexity and discover the important links between past, current, and future events.

The Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC has won rave reviews from across the globe. In a short span of one and half years, more than 33,200 learners from 150 countries have enrolled in the course with India constituting 8.7 per cent of the total enrolled students, surpassing the United Kingdom, Spain and Germany, coming only third in line after the USA and China.

About Macquarie University:

Uniquely located in the heart of Australia's largest high-tech precinct, Macquarie University brings together 40,000 students and 3,000 staff in one thriving hub of discovery.Our campus spans 126 hectares, with open green space that gives our community the freedom to think and grow. We are home to fantastic facilities including a gym and pools, private teaching hospital and a high-tech library, with excellent transport links to the city and suburbs, supported by an on-campus train station.

Our pioneering teaching and research efforts are aligned with challenges of global significance.Our students are considered partners and co-creators in their learning experience.Our professional staff are encouraged to partake in innovation opportunities, particularly with some of the world's leading organisations in the neighbouring high-tech precinct, which is predicted to double in size in the next 20 years to become the fourth largest CBD in Australia.

We are ranked among the top 2 per cent of universities in the world, and with a 5-star QS rating, we are renowned for producing graduates that are among the most sought after professionals in the world.Macquarie University is a vibrant hub of intellectual thinkers, all working towards a brighter future for our communities and our planet. We invite you to join us.

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