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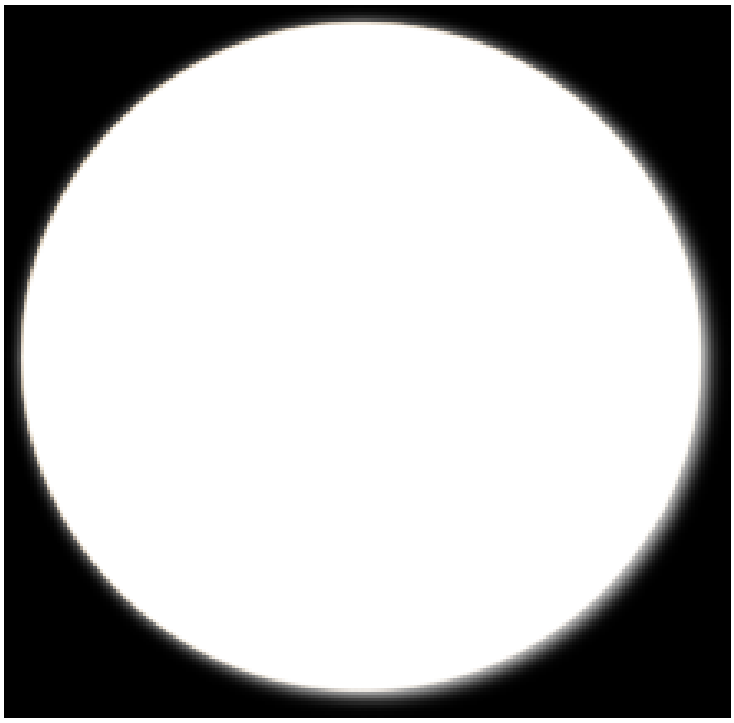

Singapore: The best of the young Australian scientists will get a chance of a lifetime to be mentored by Nobel Prize winners, following a new collaboration between the Australian Academy of Science and the Science and Industry Endowment Fund.

Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Senator Chris Evans, announced funding for the Science and Industry Endowment Fund-Australian Academy of Science Fellowships to the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings.

Every year, 500 of the world's best young researchers meet for a week in Lindau, Germany, and are mentored by and exchange their ideas with Nobel Prize winners. "The Lindau gathering provides a unique forum for scientific and cultural exchange between Nobel Prize winners and scientists at the start of their careers, giving young researchers a chance to meet inspirational role models," said Professor Bob Williamson, secretary, science policy, Australian Academy of Science.

"The Australian Academy of Science has taken a small group of leading young Australian researchers to the Lindau meetings since 2004. This new collaboration will allow us to continue and expand the program and ensure Australia continues to benefit from this wonderful international exchange. The contacts and ideas our young scientists gain at the meeting will inspire them for the whole of their careers."

Dr Megan Clark, trustee, Science and Industry Endowment Fund (SIEF), said that the fund has always made a major contribution by investing in people who are the strength of Australian science. "The Nobel Prize represents the pinnacle of achievement in science. It is fitting that funds gifted to SIEF by Australia's premier science research organisation, CSIRO, are

being used to bring an elite group of young Australian scientists into contact with Nobel Prize recipients through these fellowships, thus continuing this important legacy."