

Business School First Round Research Scholarship Applications for Outstanding Candidates 1st Semester 2012

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

The Business School First Round Research Scholarship for Outstanding Candidates is designed for applicants with an **exceptional** track record of academic achievement and the research potential to pursue a full-time research degree within the School.

Selection is based on outstanding academic merit and demonstrated research potential. Each application is assigned a scholarship score that is based primarily on results obtained for tertiary studies. Other factors such as relevant research experience and publications in refereed journals of a national or international standing are also taken into account.

Information on the Scholarship Selection Process can be downloaded from the following website:
http://sydney.edu.au/business/currentstudents/research/research_scholarships

Award Benefit

Local Student Award	International Student Award
\$30,000 per annum stipend available for up to 3 years with a possible 6 month extension	\$20,000 per annum stipend plus tuition fees available for up to 3 years with a possible 6 month extension

Award Conditions

If eligible, applicants must also apply for a University Scholarship; if successful the applicant must relinquish the Business School scholarship. Please contact the University Scholarship Office for further information on University Scholarships at <http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/research/>

Eligibility Criteria

- To be eligible applicants must be a commencing student (local or international) who has graduated 5 years or less from the date the scholarship of the commencement of the scholarship.
- Applicants must provide a letter of support from their appointed supervisor/s detailing the reason/s for support as well as outlining the student's outstanding achievements.
- Applicants must have received a firm offer into a research degree within the Business School at the time of award.
- Applicants who have recently completed Honours or a Master degree 5 years or less from the date of commencement of the scholarship award will only be considered if they have achieved 85 or above for Honours/Masters. Students who have not completed an Honours degree but completed a Masters degree will also need to demonstrate and prove significant relevant research experience since graduation. Please note significant work experience will only be taken into account if the applicant also has obtained relevant academic research experience since graduation.

Proposed timelines

Friday 30th September, 2011: Applications Close
Friday 21st October, 2011: Letters to all applicants mailed

Please note Business School Scholarships will still be offered at the same timeframes advertised. Application form and Academic Referee Reports can be downloaded from the below website:
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CONDITIONS OF AWARD

1. The Business School will provide early scholarships for outstanding candidates to engage in PhD or MPhil research for commencement in 1st semester 2012.
2. Each Scholarship will be for three years duration with a possibility of 6 month extension. A strong case must be made for an extension. In no way should it be regarded as an automatic extension.
3. Scholarship holders must demonstrate satisfactory progress in their research. The Business School reserves the right to terminate the Scholarship in the event of unsatisfactory progress or inappropriate conduct.
4. The scholarship holder must be enrolled full time in the Business School. Students may engage in a limited amount of paid employment, with the approval of the supervisor. It is expected that the Scholarship holder will devote at least 40 hours per week to the PhD research.
5. Applicants must not be current holders of any other Scholarship.
6. Applications will be assessed by a committee.
7. Applicants are strongly advised to make prior contact with the Postgraduate Research Coordinator in the relevant Discipline in order to determine whether the intended research is applicable to the Discipline and whether supervisory resources are available.
8. Applicants are reminded that each application needs to contain a statement of intended research. This is limited to 1500 words and should include: the nature of the research problem, the relevant literature, evidence of a consideration of appropriate research methodologies, expected outcomes and contribution to knowledge etc. This document is very important in the evaluation of each application and must be included with your application.
9. The original plus 3 copies, **complete** with supporting documentation, (a total of 4 sets) must be submitted to the Research Unit. Please ensure that applications are typed, or written legibly with a black or blue pen. Late, faxed or emailed applications can NOT be accepted
10. Applications should be sent to Mandy Nelson, Research Student Program Manager, Room 231, Storie Dixson Wing (H10), Business School Research Unit, University of Sydney NSW 2006. Applications may also be lodged in person between 9.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday.
11. Applications close at **4.00pm on 30th September, 2011.**

Application Form

- Questions 1 – 4:** Applicants must provide their contact details.
- Question 5:** Applicants who answer 'no' are ineligible to apply and should not lodge an application. Eligible applicants must provide certified copies of all relevant documentation. All applicants must complete details for their proposed 2011 enrolment. Research proposals should be about 1,500 words.
- Question 6:** Applicants who were previously enrolled at the University of Sydney must provide their student identification number.
- Question 7:** Applicants must provide details of tertiary qualifications and enclose certified copies of official academic transcripts. The transcripts must provide an official explanation of grading (usually found on the reverse side). It is important to provide the actual marks rather than grades where these are available. For transcripts in languages other than English, certified translations must be included. Please note that original documents included with your application will not be returned.
- Question 8:** Attach a list of publications, a copy of the front page of each publication and table of contents of journals.
- Question 9:** Provide a brief summary of any previous or current employment relevant to your research area.
- Question 10:** Please provide details of any other awards that you have applied for, or currently receive.
- Question 11:** The referees nominated should be academics who are able to provide an assessment of the applicant's experience and potential. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the nominated referees forward the confidential reports. Reports should clearly state the name of the student, why the student would be suitable for the scholarship and contact information for the referee.