CPC Summer Research Scholarship 2017/2018

Guidelines

Background
The Charles Perkins Centre research strategy is built around the development and promotion of a range of collaborative, multidisciplinary activities that engage and connect the broadest possible research strengths and interests of the University and supports the notion of a community of scholars. The research strategy is thematic and responsive to societal needs and has a focus on four major research domains:
- Populations
- Biology
- Society and Environment
- Solutions

Several themes run as threads throughout all four domains and offer a means of tying together the entire research network within the Centre and link beyond to research on infectious disease, food production, and environmental sustainability.

The research themes are:
- Nutrition
- Exercise and energy expenditure
- Sleep
- Complex systems and modelling
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Politics, governance and ethics

Objective
To support our strategy the Centre is offering up to 10 Summer Research Scholarships to provide students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program the opportunity of undertaking research relevant to the research strategy, mission and goals of the Centre. These scholarships are intended to provide a unique experience that will encourage students to explore career and research options in the broader obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease areas. The projects will provide students with the experience of working with well-established researchers in multidisciplinary research environments and high-quality facilities.

Funding guidelines
Eligibility will be assessed against the following criteria:
1. Research project alignment to the Centre’s research strategy, mission and goals
2. Involvement of staff from at least two faculties or schools - including the HRI and Centenary research groups at the Charles Perkins Centre, in the design and supervision of the project
3. Achievement of research project outcomes within eight weeks of full-time research
4. Research project’s innovativeness and potential to seed new research and research collaboration opportunities
5. Academic achievement of the applicant

Tenure and stipend
The period for which the Summer Research Scholarships will be awarded is eight weeks. Projects may commence as soon as awarded and must conclude by 16 February 2018.
Students on the project will receive a stipend of $513 per week, for a maximum of eight weeks. The stipend will be paid in two installments at dates specified in the Letter of Offer.

Students must be available for a full eight-week period, taking into account the two-week University closedown period over Christmas and New Year.

Students must submit a summary report up to 1000 words suitable for non-technical audiences and present their work as a 5 minute research talk to include a maximum of 4 slides, at a time chosen to coincide with the submission of the project report.

Students must agree to having both themselves and their work profiled by the Centre in communications materials including, but not limited to, website, media and printed materials.

**Eligibility**

Australian or New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australian permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa or an International student

University of Sydney students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program are eligible to apply.

Students currently enrolled in a research-based Masters or PhD program or who have been awarded a research-based Masters or PhD degree are not eligible to apply.

Health Cover for non-resident students

Project recipients who are not eligible for Medicare must have valid medical and hospital insurance for the period of the Summer Research Scholarship. Proof of cover will be required upon commencement as a condition of eligibility for the project.

**Assessment**

All applications will be assessed by the Charles Perkins Centre Executive Committee against the listed guidelines. Successful applicants will be notified by the Academic Director by 23 October 2017.

**Termination**

The project may be terminated at any time if the research or conduct of the student is deemed to be unsatisfactory or if ill-health seriously interferes with the research.

**How to apply**

To apply for a Summer Research Scholarship, interested students should complete the CPC Summer Research Scholarship Application Form (available from 4 September) by close of business Friday 29 September 2017*, and get their Academic Referees to complete the CPC Summer Research Scholarship Academic Reference Form (available from 4 September) by close of business Friday 29 September 2017.

*The CPC Summer Research Scholarship Application Form will require to:

- Fill-out Personal details
- Fill-out Proposed project details
- Upload the CPC Summer Research Scholarships Supervisor Guidelines and Agreement signed by both supervisors
- Upload evidence of Health Insurance for the scholarship period, if not covered by Medicare
- Upload Current Academic Record, or certified Academic Transcript for students who do not hold a current University of Sydney academic record

Please direct any queries to the CPC Research and Education team on cpc.re@sydney.edu.au or +61 2 9351 5526.