
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY WORLD SCHOLARS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES – SEMESTERS 1 & 2, 2012

Introduction

The University of Sydney World Scholars awards provide opportunities for academically gifted PhD candidates who have developed innovative research projects to undertake a PhD degree at the University of Sydney with financial support. This prestigious award will attract high-quality research candidates from a broad range of countries and disciplines. Candidates will engage in progressive research whilst facilitating the development of strong bilateral research linkages between Australia and the rest of the world.

General Guidelines

World Scholars awards support the full cost of academic tuition fees plus a living allowance for a maximum period of three (3) years on the terms set out in these Guidelines. The scholarship will also fund a travel contribution towards the cost of a return international airfare (as set out in the 'Air Travel' section of the Scholarship Conditions, below).

Applications are invited from international students who are citizens of the following countries ("Participating Countries"):

- **Asia:** Cambodia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam
- **Europe:** France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- **Americas:** Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, United States
- **Africa:** Botswana, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda

Candidates will be required to take up the scholarship in the semester for which it is offered. Deferral of the scholarship will not be permitted.

Selection for World Scholars is highly competitive. Applicants will be chosen on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated research capability (see *Supplementary Information for Scholarship Applicants* on pp. 11–12 of the Postgraduate Research Application Form). It is important that applicants clearly address these selection criteria in their PhD application documentation.

Scholarship Benefits

A University of Sydney World Scholars award covers the following costs for a World Scholar awardee:

- full academic tuition fee costs for approved PhD study at the University of Sydney for a maximum period of three (3) years (subject to the conditions under the heading '**Completion**' below); and
- a living allowance of AUD \$10,000 per annum, to be paid in fortnightly instalments for a maximum period of three (3) years; and
- a travel contribution of up to AUD \$1,250 each way towards the cost of a return air fare from the awardee's identified country of citizenship to Sydney, Australia.

Applicants should note that a World Scholars award does not include Overseas Student Health Cover, visa application costs, or any other costs other than those specifically outlined above. It is important to note that all other costs must be met by the student. Applicants should not apply for World Scholars unless they know – at the time of application – that they are able to meet all costs not covered by this award.

Eligibility Criteria

Scholarships are available for new international students enrolling in a PhD at the University of Sydney, who hold citizenship of a Participating Country, and who meet all academic and English-language proficiency criteria required for admission to a PhD. In order to be considered for a World Scholars award, applicants must:

- be a citizen of a Participating Country;
- not be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia, or have applied for Australian permanent residency;
- meet all academic and English-language proficiency criteria for admission to their chosen PhD; and
- have a Firm Offer of Admission to a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney commencing in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 2012. Firm Offers of Admission must be issued on or before 9 September 2011 (for Semester 1), or 24 February 2012 (for Semester 2). Applicants with a Conditional Offer of Admission will not be considered.

Currently enrolled international students and other students of the University of Sydney are not eligible to apply for a World Scholars award. Please also note the further restrictions outlined in the 'Scholarship Conditions' section of these Guidelines.

How to Apply

Applying for a World Scholars award is a two-stage process. Applicants must complete both stages, in order, as follows:

Stage 1: PhD application and admission

Candidates must lodge an application for a PhD degree, and obtain a Firm Offer of Admission, prior to lodging a World Scholars application.

Before lodging a PhD application, candidates are required to make contact with a potential academic supervisor and discuss their proposed research project. PhD candidates may search for a potential academic supervisor using the *Research Supervisor Connect* tool on the University of Sydney website:

<http://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities>

Once candidates have made contact with a potential academic supervisor and prepared a research proposal, they should submit a Postgraduate Research Application Form. This form can be downloaded from:

<http://sydney.edu.au/internationaloffice/forms/pgformresearch.pdf>

Further information about the PhD application process can be found online:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/admissions/index.shtml

The average processing time for PhD applications, once received at the University of Sydney, is six weeks. Some applications may take longer to process, particularly where insufficient documentation has been provided.

PhD applications must be lodged no later than the **PhD Application Deadline** for the appropriate semester:

Commencing in Semester 1, 2012: Submit PhD application by **31 July 2011**
Commencing in Semester 2, 2012: Submit PhD application by **31 December 2011**

The University cannot guarantee that PhD applications lodged after these dates will be assessed and issued with a Firm Offer of Admission in time for World Scholars consideration.

Stage 2: World Scholars application

Applicants must have a Firm Offer of Admission to their PhD before proceeding to Stage 2. The Firm Offer letter must be issued on or before the **Firm Offer Deadline** for the appropriate semester:

Commencing in Semester 1, 2012: Firm Offer issued on or before **9 September 2011**
Commencing in Semester 2, 2012: Firm Offer issued on or before **24 February 2012**

A Conditional Offer of Admission is not sufficient.

Once a Firm Offer of Admission has been received, candidates must complete and submit a University of Sydney World Scholars Application Form. This form can be found at the end of these Guidelines, or downloaded from:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

The completed University of Sydney World Scholars Application Form must be submitted in hard copy, via post or courier, to the following address:

University of Sydney World Scholars
International Development Officer (Scholarships and Grants)
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Room 204, Old Teachers' College – A22
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
Australia

Application forms must be received by the **World Scholars Application Deadline** for the appropriate semester:

Commencing in Semester 1, 2012: Submit World Scholars application by **16 September 2011**
Commencing in Semester 2, 2012: Submit World Scholars application by **3 March 2012**

Applications received by fax or email, or with only a Conditional Offer of Admission, will not be considered.

Selection Process

Selection for a World Scholars award is a merit-based and highly competitive process. Candidates will be selected in accordance with the following criteria:

- demonstrated academic excellence through previous studies; and
- demonstrated high quality, innovative research capacity.

Applications will be reviewed and final selections decided by a committee comprising senior University of Sydney academic staff, and may include international representatives.

The final selection of World Scholars candidates will be completed in October 2011 (for Semester 1) and April 2012 (for Semester 2). Offer letters will be issued to successful applicants shortly thereafter.

Scholarship Conditions

Applicants should be aware of the following Scholarship Conditions, which shall apply to all World Scholars awardees:

- **Supplementary Funds**
The World Scholars awards do not cover Overseas Student Health Cover, visa application fees, costs of text books, or any other costs other than those specifically outlined under '**Scholarship Benefits**', above. World Scholars awardees must ensure that they have sufficient personal or other funds to meet all costs not covered. Any benefits payable under other scholarships should not be factored in when calculating available funds, unless you know that your other scholarship application has been

successful. You should not submit a World Scholars application unless you know – at the time of application – that you can meet all costs not covered.

- **Visas**
World Scholars awardees shall be responsible for ensuring that they obtain the appropriate student visa for study in Australia. Awardees must allow sufficient time to obtain a visa and arrive in Australia in time to commence studies at the start of the semester for which the World Scholars award is offered.
- **Air Travel**
The World Scholars awards will provide a travel contribution towards a return international air fare from the student's identified country of citizenship to Sydney, of up to AUD \$1,250 each way. The contribution shall be paid into an Australian bank account nominated by the student, upon commencement of studies (for flight to Australia) and after successful completion of studies (for flight from Australia). World Scholars awardees can claim their travel contribution from the International Student Office, upon presentation of original receipts and a copy of the airline ticket or e-ticket receipt. The travel contribution will not be paid prior to arrival in Australia, or prior to commencement of studies. Claims should be submitted to the International Office within six (6) months of commencement of studies, and within six (6) months of submission of thesis. Claims made outside this period may not be reimbursed.
- **Commencement and Deferral**
The World Scholars award will be offered for commencement in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 2012, and will commence upon the student's enrolment in his or her first semester of PhD studies at the University of Sydney. World Scholars awardees who defer commencement of their PhD studies must notify the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) immediately. Deferral of a World Scholars award will be at the discretion of both the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) and the faculty. Should a candidate not be able to commence or defer PhD studies at the University of Sydney, or should a candidate withdraw acceptance of a PhD offer, the offer of a World Scholars award shall lapse.
- **Completion**
The World Scholars award will meet the cost of academic tuition fees for the approved PhD study of the World Scholars awardee at the University of Sydney, plus a living allowance of AUD \$10,000 per annum, for a maximum period of three (3) years. Please note that in exceptional circumstances, the University of Sydney may consider (at its sole discretion), tuition fee funding for an additional period of six (6) months upon application for an extension by a World Scholars awardee. Approval may be granted by both the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) and the relevant Faculty or in accordance with the relevant University delegations of authority rules at the time when approval may be sought by the World Scholar awardee; however, living costs during any extension period (up to a maximum of (6) months) must be met by the World Scholars awardee. Tuition fees and living costs for any additional extension period beyond (6) six months must be met by the World Scholars awardee.
- **Enrolment**
World Scholars awardees must be enrolled full-time in their approved PhD programme at all times for the term of their award.
- **Additional Scholarships**
Students may not hold an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS), a University of Sydney International Scholarship (USydIS) or any other award that covers tuition fee costs concurrently with a World Scholars award. Other scholarships may be held concurrently with a World Scholars award, provided that the concurrent scholarship does not cover the same costs as the World Scholars award. World Scholars awardees must advise the University of any other scholarships held at any time concurrently with a World Scholars award.
- **Permanent Residency**
A World Scholars award will be terminated in the event that the awardee obtains permanent residency in Australia at any stage throughout the term of his or her scholarship.
- **Amendments to these Guidelines**
World Scholars awardees agree that the University of Sydney reserves the right to amend any part of these Guidelines, including the Scholarship Conditions, at any time during at its sole discretion. World

Scholars awardees will be notified in writing of any amendments to the Guidelines and the Scholarship Conditions. The amended terms will be effective immediately upon written notification to the awardee.

Further Information

Potential Academic Supervisor

To identify a potential academic supervisor, please refer to the relevant Faculty or School website, which will provide details of academic staff, their areas of research interest and current work, and contact details.

Faculties and Schools: http://sydney.edu.au/about/faculties_schools.shtml

Alternatively, applicants can refer to the Faculty contacts list provided on the Postgraduate Research Application Form, and contact the postgraduate enquiry service for the relevant Faculty to enquire about appropriate members of the academic staff.

University of Sydney Postgraduate Research Applications

Please contact: International Office
Tel. +61 2 9351 4079 Email: io.mail@sydney.edu.au

University of Sydney World Scholars Applications

Please contact: David Boyd
Tel. +61 2 9114 0525 Email: david.boyd@sydney.edu.au

TIMELINE FOR WORLD SCHOLARS APPLICANTS

This document should be read together with the *University of Sydney World Scholars Application Guidelines – Semesters 1 & 2, 2012*. A copy of the Application Guidelines can be downloaded from: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

	Semester 1	Semester 2
PhD Application Deadline	31 July 2011	31 December 2011
Firm Offer Deadline	9 September 2011	24 February 2012
World Scholars Application Deadline	16 September 2011	3 March 2012
Results announced	November 2011	May 2012
Semester commences	February – March 2012	July 2012
Final date for enrolment	31 March 2012	31 August 2012
Final date for claiming travel contribution	Six months after enrolment date	Six months after enrolment date

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APPLICATION FORM – SEMESTERS 1 & 2, 2012

PhD candidates wishing to be considered for a University of Sydney World Scholars award for studies commencing in 2012 must complete this application form in accordance with the *University of Sydney World Scholars Application Guidelines – Semesters 1 & 2, 2012* (the Application Guidelines), which must be read before submitting this application form. A copy of the Application Guidelines can be downloaded from: http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/international_postgraduate_research/costs_scholarships/scholarships/index.shtml#world

Applicants must have submitted a PhD application and received a Firm Offer of Admission for a PhD (consistent with the Application Guidelines) commencing in either Semester 1 or Semester 2 2012 before completing this form.

Please do not send academic transcripts, references, CVs or any other attachments with this form.

A. Personal Details (as shown on passport)					
Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms	<input type="checkbox"/> Miss	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Family name					
Given name(s)					
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		
Country of birth			Country of citizenship		
B. Permanent Residency / Dual Nationality					
Are you a citizen or permanent resident of Australia?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you applied for Australian permanent residency or citizenship?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
C. Course Details (as shown on Firm Offer of Admission)					
Course name					
Faculty/Department					
University of Sydney Student ID Number (SID)					
Commencement date (as shown on Firm Offer letter)	<input type="checkbox"/> S1 2012 (March)	<input type="checkbox"/> S2 2012 (July)	Firm Offer of Admission issue date (DD/MM/YYYY)		
D. Contact Details					
Residential address	----- ----- -----				
Town/City			State/Province		
Country			Postcode (ZIP code)		
Home telephone			Mobile telephone		
Correspondence address (if different from above)	----- ----- -----				
Town/City			State/Province		
Country			Postcode (ZIP code)		
Home telephone			Mobile telephone		
Email					
E. Previous Scholarships and Awards Please list any previous scholarships or awards that you have received.					
Name of scholarship/award			Year of receipt	Duration	

F. Other Scholarship Applications	
<p>Have you applied for any other scholarship(s) to study at the University of Sydney or elsewhere? If yes, please specify below (include information for current applications only).</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Please specify.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
G. Privacy Information and Privacy Protection Statement Please read below.	
<p>The University of Sydney is subject to the New South Wales <i>Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998</i> (the Act). The personal information you provide for this application will be protected in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. The information provided in the first instance will only be used by the University for assessing your application for a University of Sydney World Scholarship. If unsuccessful, the information will be retained in the records of the University of Sydney only for the University of Sydney's use for a period of 12 months and will not be disclosed except with your permission, in accordance with the University Privacy Policy. Under the Freedom of Information Act and the University Privacy Policy you have a right to access and correct any personal information concerning you held by the University in the student and financial databases. Routine corrections, changes and enquiries should, in the first instance, be directed to the International Office. By signing this application it is understood that you have read this statement and agree to the use and disclosure of your personal information as outlined above.</p> <p>Full details: http://sydney.edu.au/arms/privacy/policy.shtml</p> <p>Note: The information provided on this application form may be made available to Commonwealth and State agencies and the Fund Manager of the ESOS Assurance Fund, pursuant to obligations under the ESOS Act 2000 and the National Code.</p>	
H. Declaration	
<p>Please read this declaration carefully. By signing this form, you declare that you have read, understood and agree to these terms.</p>	
<p>I understand that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the University of Sydney World Scholars award covers the cost of academic tuition fees (for a maximum period of (3) three years for the approved PhD study), a living allowance as prescribed by the University, and a travel contribution (for a return flight from the nominated country of citizenship to Sydney, Australia) only, as specifically set out in the Application Guidelines and the conditions therein; ▪ I am fully responsible for all other costs not covered by the World Scholars award for the duration of my studies at the University of Sydney, including visas and health cover, and any other education-related expenses; ▪ neither the University of Sydney nor the Australian Government are responsible if I run short of funds; ▪ the University of Sydney may vary or cancel any decision it makes if the information I have given is incorrect or incomplete; ▪ the University of Sydney may obtain official records from any education institution I have previously attended in accordance with applicable laws; ▪ all documents submitted become the property of the University of Sydney and will not be returned <p>I agree to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the conditions of the World Scholars Application Guidelines and I agree that those Guidelines may be amended from time to time at the sole discretion of the University of Sydney, and I agree that any amendment to those Guidelines and the conditions therein are effective immediately upon written notification to me; ▪ comply with the rules on admission and enrolment of the University of Sydney; ▪ notify the International Office at the University of Sydney immediately if there is any change to the information I have given in this application. <p>Please tick:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read the World Scholars Application Guidelines and the conditions of the World Scholars award therein.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have read and I consent to the University of Sydney's Privacy Statement.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The information I have given in this application is true, complete and correct.</p>	
<p>Signature:</p>	<p>Date (DD/MM/YYYY)</p>

Submit applications to: University of Sydney World Scholars
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Room 204, Old Teachers' College – A22
The University of Sydney NSW 2006
Australia

Application deadline: 9 September 2011 (for Semester 1) OR 4 March 2012 (for Semester 2)
Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.