Dean of Engineering and Information Technologies PhD Scholarship (Mexico)

Terms and Conditions

1. General

a. The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies is offering a special scholarship opportunity to an outstanding Mexican PhD candidate who has studied and graduated from a university in Mexico, to join a leading research Faculty and contribute to finding solutions to global problems.

b. Preference will be given to multidisciplinary research projects centered on the key themes of biomedical engineering and technologies, clean, intelligent energy networks, complex systems, robotics, data science, human-centred technology, materials and structures and food processing.

2. Eligibility

a. The Scholarship is open to citizens of Mexico only.

b. Applicants must have an unconditional offer of admission for full-time enrolment in a PhD program in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney by the Scholarship application deadline.

c. Applicants must have completed all their tertiary studies at a university in Mexico.

d. Applicants are also required to have obtained equivalent to a University of Sydney distinction average (75%) and above in their previous tertiary studies.

e. The candidate’s proposed research area shall preferably relate to the Faculty’s key themes of biomedical engineering and technologies, clean, intelligent energy networks, complex systems, robotics, data science, human-centred technology, materials and structures and food processing.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship

a. The Scholarship shall be awarded based on academic merit, an applicant’s research proposal, an applicant’s statement addressing their interest in the Scholarship, reports from two academic referees and any peer reviewed scholarly publications, on the recommendation of the selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Research) or their nominee, and one other academic member of the Faculty. The Associate Dean (Research) is the selection committee chair.

b. Shortlisted applicants may at the discretion of the Faculty Associate Dean (Research) be requested to attend an interview. Shortlisted applicants are not expected to be present in
Australia for the interview.

4. Tenure

a. The Scholarship is tenable for a period of up to 3 years subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory academic progress as per their annual progress review and remaining enrolled full-time in their PhD.

b. The Scholarship may be extended for an additional 6 months at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).

c. The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

d. The Scholarship shall be tenable in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney and shall not be transferable to another Faculty at the University of Sydney, or another university.

5. Value

a. The value of the Scholarship shall be to cover tuition fees and a stipend/living allowance equivalent to the current year stipend rate of the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA). No other benefits are payable. The Scholarship does not cover health cover or the student amenities fee.

b. The stipend component of the Scholarship will be paid in fortnightly instalments. Fees will be paid directly to the University of Sydney for each relevant research period.

c. Should a student become a domestic student during their studies, the Scholarship shall revert to a stipend only payment.

d. The Scholarship shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:

   I. the recipient withdraws from their PhD,

   II. the recipient transfers into a non-Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies PhD program,

   III. the recipient commences part-time study,
IV. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic performance as per Term 4.a, and

V. the recipient receives and accepts another primary scholarship that is equivalent to, or similar to this Scholarship. An equivalent scholarship includes an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS).

b. In the event that the recipient discontinues their course, any money paid to the student during that academic year may be requested to be repaid to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. This is subject to the Associate Dean (Research)’s discretion.

c. The recipient may be entitled to a leave of absence during the Scholarship program in the event of extenuating circumstances subject to the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research).

Approved