Joint Research Engagement (JRE) Engineering Cadetship Grants

Terms and Conditions

The Joint Research Engagement (JRE) Engineering Cadetship Grants were established in 2012 to support the research and research training activities of students enrolled in a HDR program in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies, and who participate in a Cadetship with a business that requires involvement in Research & Development (R&D) activities. This initiative is funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Education and Training.

The grants shall be awarded under the following conditions:

1. General

The objectives of the JRE Engineering Cadetship Grants are to:

a. Support the research training costs associated with HDR students undertaking Cadetships in relevant areas of engineering,

b. increase collaboration between the university sector and industry to strengthen research and development,

c. open and highlight a pathway for research students to gain experience in industry specific research and development in the private sector,

d. add value to the student’s HDR experience and enhance the student’s career prospects, and

e. leverage the government’s investment in research training and research and development by ensuring better outcomes for students, employers and the Australian economy.

2. Definitions

a. “Cadetship” means an academic program whereby a student enrolled in a Research Masters or Research Doctorate HDR undertakes paid employment with a business that requires the student to be involved in research & development activities and this employment is recognised by the Faculty of Engineering and IT.

b. “HDR” means higher degree by research.

3. Eligibility

To be eligible, students must be:

a. A domestic student undertaking a Research Doctorate or Research Masters HDR in relevant areas of engineering who are:
   I. enrolled on a full time or part time basis;
   II. in receipt of a Research Training Scheme (RTS) funded place and;
   III. engaged in an Engineering Cadetship.

b. Applicants must submit an initial proposal outlining how they intend to utilise the grant amount in the relevant year of application.
4. **Awarding of the Cadetship Grant**

   a. The Cadetship Grant shall be awarded on the recommendation of the Associate Dean (Research) based on the level of the applicant's involvement in research & development activities and proposal that outlines the intended use of the grant.

   b. A Cadetship Grant student is entitled to hold an APA or any other scholarship/s during the term of their cadetship.

5. **Tenure**

   a. Four years for a student undertaking a PhD degree program.

   b. Two years for a student undertaking a Master of Philosophy degree program.

   c. The above maximum durations will be reduced by any periods of study undertaken:
      
      I. Towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Cadetship and;
      
      II. During suspension of the Cadetship

6. **Value**

   a. The value of the grant is $5,000 and will be indexed each year in accordance with section 6.1 in the JRE Conditions of Grant. $5000 was the base rate in 2012.

   b. The Grant will cover costs associated with, but not limited to: field work, conferences, software, training and equipment.

   c. For the duration of the Cadetship Grant, students must provide evidence of their continuing employment status, and a proposal of anticipated financial costs in relation to research & development activities each year. This should be provided one month prior to the anniversary of when the grant was initially awarded.

   d. An annual lump sum payment shall be made directly to the student upon provision of the above.

7. **Suspension, Leave & Transfer**

   a. Students may apply for a suspension of their Cadetship Grant. The approval of suspensions will be at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research),

   b. Students may apply for leave/leave of absence during their Cadetship Grant. The approval of leave will be at the discretion of the Associate Dean (Research),

   c. Students who transfer their employment to another business may continue with their Cadetship Grant with the new business, provided the conditions of participation continue to
be met. Students must immediately notify the Faculty of any change in employment relevant to this Grant.

8. Termination of the Cadetship Grant

The Cadetship Grant will terminate if the student:

a. Ceases to be enrolled and has not requested a period of suspension,

b. ceases employment with the relevant industry employer,

c. lodges a thesis and is not required to undertake any further tasks related to their course (i.e. has completed their research program),

d. withdraws from their research program,

e. exhausts the maximum period of entitlement,

f. does not resume study at the conclusion of a period of suspension or does not make arrangements to extend that period of suspension,

g. fails to maintain satisfactory progress in their studies, and

h. does not submit the required paperwork as required in Term 6.c.

Approved