Materials and Structures Research Cluster
Summer Research Scholarships

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

   a. This Scholarship was established by the Materials and Structures Research Cluster (MSRC) in the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies to provide students with outstanding academic ability the opportunity to undertake a summer project to gain valuable research experience within the Cluster.

2. Eligibility

   a. The Scholarship is open to all students currently enrolled in either a relevant undergraduate or postgraduate masters by coursework program at the University of Sydney or at another Australian university.

   b. Undergraduate applicants must have a WAM of 75 or above and be in their third or fourth year of study to apply. Outstanding second year students with a WAM of at least 80 or above will also be considered.

   c. Postgraduate applicants must have a WAM of at least 75 or above in their current degree program.

   d. All applicants must possess and demonstrate well-developed skills and grades in the following areas: mathematics, physics, computing and engineering. Applicants must also demonstrate interest in each of the projects they are applying for.

3. Awarding of the Scholarship

   a. The Scholarship shall be awarded on the basis of academic merit as indicated by the applicant’s tertiary studies and response to the Scholarship application (Term 2.d) and interview with the relevant research project supervisor.

   b. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Associate Dean (Education) or their nominee, and nominated academic staff from the Materials and Structures Research Cluster. Providing a student is eligible, the relevant supervisor is responsible for the final decision.

4. Tenure

   a. The Scholarship shall be tenable for 12 weeks only (usually from late November to late February) and subject to satisfactory academic progress during the project as determined by the project supervisor. Students will need to complete a project report by the end of the 12 week period and submit this to their supervisor. Students may also be requested to make a 5 minute presentation on their research project prior to the conclusion of their project.

   b. The summer project should commence in late November and conclude by early March each summer.

   c. Deferment of the Scholarship is not permitted.
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 cluster, school, faculty or university.

5. Value and Payment

a. The total value of the Scholarship is $4,500 over 12 weeks.

b. Payments shall be made in two equal instalments, one in early December, the other in mid-February the following year.

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

6. Termination of Scholarship and other conditions

The Scholarship will be terminated on the following grounds:

a. The recipient withdraws from their degree program (where appropriate),

b. if the recipient, where appropriate, changes their program (i.e. course, major or stream) without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Education),

c. the recipient commences or continues to undertake paid employment that interferes with their ability to complete the project as required,

d. the recipient does not maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined in Term 4.a, and

e. the recipient receives and accepts another Summer Research Scholarship during the duration of this Scholarship.

f. In the event that the recipient discontinues their course or summer research project, any money paid to the student may be requested to be repaid to the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies. This is subject to the Associate Dean (Education)’s discretion.

g. The recipient will not pursue an additional summer project at any institution including the University of Sydney during the course of the Scholarship.

Approved