

University of Sydney Indigenous PhD Scholarships

Conditions of Award

Established in 2009, the objective of the University of Sydney Indigenous PhD Scholarships is to encourage and support talented Indigenous students to undertake research doctorate studies at the University. The scholarships will be awarded under the following conditions:

Eligibility

1. Applicants must be of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. Indigenous identity is subject to verification by the Koori Centre at the University of Sydney.
2. Applicants must be eligible for admission to candidature to a research doctorate degree and enrol as a full-time student. The University may approve a part-time scholarship where a student is able to demonstrate significant caring commitments or a medical condition which limits the capacity to undertake full-time study.
3. An offer of a scholarship must be taken up in the year for which the offer is made.

Tenure

4. A full-time scholarship is awarded for up to three years for research doctorate studies subject to satisfactory progress with a possible maximum extension of up to six months for research related reasons. Periods of study undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the scholarship.

Stipend

5. Each full-time scholarship consists of a tax-exempt stipend at the same rate as a University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (\$22,500 p.a. in 2010). The stipend rate will be indexed on the anniversary of the commencement date of the award. If the scholarship holder has suspended the award, the stipend rate will be indexed on the adjusted anniversary date taking into account periods of the suspension.
6. A supplementary award, to be determined on a needs basis (e.g. need to relocate, number of dependants, need to match current salary), may also be offered. The value of the supplementary award may be up to \$17,500 p.a. and may be for the tenure of a full-time scholarship.

Selection

7. The scholarships are awarded by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) on the recommendation of a selection committee comprising the Chair of the Academic Board's Postgraduate Awards Sub-Committee, the Director of Indigenous Researchers Development and the Director of the Koori Centre, or their nominees.

8. Applicants will be ranked on the basis of their academic achievements, research potential and/or financial need.

Other conditions

9. Other conditions of award will be the same as those under the University of Sydney Postgraduate Award.