



SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
2009/2010
GENERAL INFORMATION

The University of Sydney Medical School is offering up to 60 Summer Research Scholarships (40 for new scholars and 20 for returning scholars) between November 2009 and February 2010. Offers will be based on the strength of the application and the level of supervision offered by the project. Successful candidates will be expected to participate in an ongoing research project and will be required to do an oral presentation and submit a written report of their research at the end of the scholarship.

Scholarships are open to students currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate science, medical or equivalent physical or natural science degree in any university. Students currently enrolled in Sydney Medical Program can also apply. Students currently in a Masters or PhD program, or who have been awarded a Masters or PhD degree are ineligible to apply.

OBJECTIVE

To recruit and provide university students with a positive experience of doing biomedical research prior to their decision on whether to undertake a graduate degree. The scholarship will provide students with the experience of working with well-established researchers, high quality medical research facilities and the opportunity to undertake research which might not be available elsewhere.

TENURE

The period for which the Summer Research Scholarship is awarded will be specified in the letter of offer but the maximum period is 8 weeks. Summer Research Scholarships may commence from 1 November and normally conclude in 26 February 2010. 29 March 2010 is the deadline for completion of student reports and presentations.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the supervisor, who will assess the applications on the basis of the academic merit of the applicant and their suitability for the project. The scholarships will be awarded by the Dean of the Sydney Medical School based on these recommendations.

TERMINATION

The scholarship may be terminated at any time if the research or conduct of the scholar is deemed to be unsatisfactory, or if ill-health seriously interferes with the research.

WEEKLY STIPEND

Scholarship holders will receive a stipend of \$225 per week. The stipend will be paid in two instalments at dates specified in the letter of offer.

HEALTH COVER FOR NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

Scholars who are not eligible for Medicare must have medical and hospital insurance for the period of the Summer Research Scholarship. Proof of cover will be required upon commencement as a condition of eligibility for the scholarship.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must to be submitted no later than **21 September 2009** to Megan van der Hoeven, Research Support Officer, Office of Research and Research Training, Sydney Medical School, Room 220 Edward Ford Building (A27), University of Sydney, NSW 2006 (researchsupport@med.usyd.edu.au). Application forms can be downloaded from the web at: <http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/research/srs/index.php>.