Eligibility

1. Applicants must have been accepted into the Joint Specialist Advisory Committee JSAC training scheme in Haematology of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia, or single discipline Haematology stream of either college.

2. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in Myeloma or related disorders.

3. To take up the award, a student must be enrolled for a full-time postgraduate research degree in the Faculty of Medicine and be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident at the application closing date.

Tenure

4. An award shall be tenable for up to two years in the case of a master’s degree and up to three years for a doctorate, with the possibility of a 6-month extension in the case of a PhD. Periods of study undertaken towards a research degree prior to the commencement of the award will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.

5. A student may not hold another scholarship providing a living allowance in conjunction with a Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology.

6. A student must commence his or her scholarship by the date stipulated in the letter of offer. A request to defer commencement of the award will only be considered subject to Faculty approval to defer commencement of candidature. See also sections 15 and 16 on Suspensions.

Stipend and other allowances

7. Each award shall provide a tax-exempt stipend of $45,000 per annum.

8. The scholarship also covers airfare, registration, and accommodation expenses to attend the Haematological Society of Australia and New Zealand annual scientific meeting each year of candidature. The scholar is encouraged to present at these conferences.

Leave Arrangements

9. Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology holders receive up to 20 days recreation leave each year of the award and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when an award is terminated or completed. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor's agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.
10. Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology holders may take up to ten days sick leave each year of
the award and this may be accrued over the tenure of the award. Students with family
responsibilities caring for sick children or relatives may convert up to five days of their annual
sick leave entitlement to carer’s leave on presentation of medical certificate/s. Students taking
sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

Employment

11. Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology holders may undertake part-time work up to a maximum
of twenty hours per week, evening, weekend and holiday work included. If employed by the
University, the appointment must not exceed half time or 50% of a full time position.
However, work undertaken must not interfere with the student’s study programme and
progress. There is no limit on how much income an award holder can receive from part-time
work but this income will not be tax-exempt.

Research overseas

12. PhD students must complete a minimum of two semesters at the University and master’s
students must complete a minimum of one semester at the University. Approval to conduct
research outside Australia must be sought from the student’s supervisor, postgraduate
coordinator and the Faculty, and will only be granted if the research is essential for completion
of the degree. All periods of overseas research are cumulative and will be credited to a
student’s candidature. Students must remain enrolled at the University and submit a
Candidature Variation form through the Faculty Office in order to obtain permission to count
the time at the overseas institution.

Transfer

13. Scholarship holders may convert from a research master’s degree to a Research Doctorate
degree or vice-versa provided such change in candidature is approved by the Faculty of
Medicine and the Research Office is notified. The maximum duration of a converted Enid Ng
Fellowship in Haematology becomes that for the new candidature.

Suspension

14. Students may not apply for a suspension within the first 6 months of the tenure of their award.

15. Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology holders may apply for up to 12 months suspension for
any reason during the tenure of their award. Periods of suspension are cumulative and failure
to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to
suspend must be given both by the Faculty and by the postgraduate coordinator concerned.
Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Enid Ng Fellowship in
Haematology will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.

Changes in Enrolment

16. Scholarship holders must notify the Faculty and the Research Office promptly of any changes
to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of
absence, withdrawal and course transfer. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, then the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

Termination

17. The award will be terminated on resignation or withdrawal of the student, upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award, whichever is earlier. Awards will be terminated before this time if after due enquiry the University concludes that a student has not carried out the course of study with competence and diligence or in accordance with the offer of the Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology or fails to maintain satisfactory progress or has committed serious misconduct.

Annual Report

18. All students must complete an Annual Progress Report form towards the end of each year. Renewal of awards will be dependent on the report being considered satisfactory by the Chair of the Board of Postgraduate Studies of the Faculty of Medicine.

General

19. Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology recipients must acknowledge the support of their scholarship in any publications arising from the work undertaken whilst on this scholarship.

I hereby agree to abide by the Conditions of Award and accept the Enid Ng Fellowship in Haematology.

Name (Please print)

Signature            Date

Intended commencement date: .................................................................

Degree course: .................................................................