The University of Sydney

PHILLIP JACOBY SCHOLARSHIP IN ALZHEIMER’S DEMENTIA RESEARCH

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

The Phillip Jacoby Scholarship in Alzheimer’s Dementia Research was established in 2007 following a gift by the family of the late Phillip Jacoby to support research into Alzheimer’s dementia.

The scholarship shall be awarded under the following conditions:

**Eligibility**

1. Graduates or graduands of any approved Australian or overseas university are eligible to apply.

2. To take up the award, a student must be enrolled for a full-time PhD in the Sydney Medical School undertaking research into Alzheimer’s dementia, with preference being given to applicants who have a particular focus on the role genetics plays in Alzheimer’s dementia, and, in the longer term, dementia treatment, and be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

3. A student must have completed four years undergraduate training, or three years undergraduate followed by a year of graduate training, and must in the last year of his or her course have obtained an honours class 1, or hold an equivalent qualification.

4. Students who do not have honours class 1 or equivalent qualifications may be eligible on the basis of relevant experience.

**Tenure**

5. An award shall be tenable for up to three years for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, with the possibility of an extension for 6 months. Periods of study undertaken towards the research degree prior to the commencement of the award will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.

6. A student may not hold another scholarship providing a living allowance in conjunction with the Phillip Jacoby Scholarship. Furthermore, if a student is offered another scholarship of greater or equal value s/he must accept that scholarship and relinquish his/her Phillip Jacoby Scholarship.

7. 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 Sydney Medical School approval to defer commencement of candidature. See also sections 17 and 18 on suspensions.

**Stipend**

8. The award shall provide a tax exempt stipend equivalent to the Australian Postgraduate Award stipend.

9. The Phillip Jacoby Scholarship holder will be granted a HECS-exempt place under the Research Training Scheme for the tenure of their award.
Leave Arrangements

10. The Phillip Jacoby Scholarship 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.

11. The Phillip Jacoby Scholarship 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.

12. Phillip Jacoby Scholarship holders may receive additional paid sick leave of up to a total of twelve weeks during their award for medically substantiated periods of illness lasting longer than ten days. Students applying for additional paid sick leave must do so at the start of absence or as soon as practicable. Periods of additional paid sick leave are added to the normal duration of the award. All claims must be supported by a medical certificate.

13. Once Phillip Jacoby Scholarship holders have completed twelve months of their award, they are entitled to a maximum of twelve weeks paid maternity leave during the tenure of the award. Students applying for paid maternity leave must do so at least four weeks prior to the expected date of birth. Periods of paid maternity leave are added to the normal duration of the award. Phillip Jacoby Scholarship holders who have not completed twelve months of their award may access unpaid maternity leave through the suspension provisions.

Employment

14. Phillip Jacoby Scholarship 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

15. PhD students must complete a minimum of two semesters at the University. Approval to conduct research outside Australia must be sought from the student's supervisor, head of department and the Sydney Medical School, 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 Sydney Medical School Office in order to obtain permission to count the time at the overseas institution.

Suspension

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

17. Phillip Jacoby Scholarship 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 Sydney Medical School and by the head of the department concerned. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Phillip Jacoby Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.
Changes in Enrolment

18. Scholarship holders must notify the Sydney Medical School 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

19. The award will be terminated on resignation or withdrawal of the student, upon transfer to another award course, 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 Phillip Jacoby Scholarship, or fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or has committed serious misconduct.

Annual Report

20. 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 Sydney Medical School.

General

21. Any media coverage and publications arising from the research supported by the scholarship must refer to the scholarship's support of the project.