

SYDNEY MEDICAL SCHOOL
Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship

CONDITIONS OF AWARD

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 postgraduate research degree in Sydney Medical School.
3. The student must be undertaking study in the fields of cancer and/or paediatrics.

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 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. 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 the Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship. Furthermore, if a student is offered another scholarship of greater value s/he must accept that scholarship and relinquish his/her Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship.
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 Sydney Medical School approval to defer commencement of candidature. See also sections 14 and 15 on Suspensions.

Stipend

7. The Scholarship provides for a tax-free stipend of \$30,000 per annum for living expenses. It is a requirement of the Scholarship that the stipend not be used for travel or the purchase of equipment.
8. Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship holders will be granted a HECS-exempt place under the Research Training Scheme for the tenure of their award.

Leave Arrangements

9. Bob and Nancy Edwards 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.
10. Bob and Nancy Edwards 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.

Employment

11. Bob and Nancy Edwards 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 program 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, head of department and 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 Sydney Medical School 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 Sydney Medical School and the Research Office is notified. The maximum duration of a converted Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship 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. Bob and Nancy Edwards 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 Head of the School concerned and Sydney Medical School. Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the award.

Changes in Enrolment

16. Scholarship holders must notify 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

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 Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship, 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 Combined Board of Postgraduate Studies for the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine Nursing & Midwifery and Pharmacy.

19. In addition to the above, Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship holders are required to submit to Sydney Medical School by 15 September each calendar year a report on progress made and confirming that they have not applied the scholarship for travel or the purchase of equipment.

I hereby agree to abide by the Conditions of Award and accept the Bob and Nancy Edwards Scholarship. I acknowledge that the Scholarship is funded by a Trust Fund and that payment of the Scholarship is made by the Trustees through the University of Sydney.

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Name (Please print)

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Signature Date

Intended commencement date:

Degree course: