SUMMER RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES – 2016

Background
The Charles Perkins Centre research strategy is built around the development and promotion of a range of collaborative, multidisciplinary activities that engage and connect the broadest possible research strengths and interests of the University and supports the notion of a community of scholars.

The research strategy is thematic and responsive to societal needs and has a focus on four major research domains:

- Populations
- Biology
- Society and Environment
- Solutions

Several themes run as threads throughout all four domains and offer a means of tying together the entire research network within the Centre and link beyond to research on infectious disease, food production, and environmental sustainability.

The research themes are:

- Nutrition
- Exercise and energy expenditure
- Sleep
- Complex systems and modelling
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Politics, governance and ethics

Objective
To support our strategy the Centre is offering up to 10 Summer Research Scholarships to provide students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program the opportunity of undertaking research relevant to the Centre’s research strategy, mission and goals of the Centre. These scholarships are intended to provide a unique experience that will encourage students to explore career and research options in the broader obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease areas.

The projects will provide students with the experience of working with well-established researchers in multidisciplinary research environments and high quality facilities.

Funding guidelines
Eligibility will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Research project alignment to the Centre’s research strategy, mission and goals
2. Involvement of staff from at least two faculties or schools including the HRI and Centenary research groups at the Charles Perkins Centre in the design and supervision of the project
3. Achievement of research project outcomes within eight weeks of full time research
4. Projects should be innovative and have the potential to seed new research and research collaboration opportunities.

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Selection of successful applicants will be undertaken by the Executive Committee of the Charles Perkins Centre, under the guidance of the CPC Academic Director and the Director of Educational Development.

**Tenure and stipend**

The period for which the Summer Research Scholarships will be awarded is eight weeks. Projects may commence as soon as awarded and must conclude by 17 February 2016.

Students on the project will receive a stipend of $300 per week (maximum of eight weeks). The stipend will be paid in two installments at dates specified in the letter of offer.

Students must be available for a full eight weeks, taking into account the two week University closedown period over Christmas/New Year.

Students must submit a summary report up to 1000 words suitable for non-technical audiences and present their work as a 5 minute research talk to include a maximum of 4 slides, at a time chosen to coincide with the submission of the project report.

Students must agree to having both themselves and their work profiled by the Centre in communications materials including, but not limited to, website, media and printed materials.

**Eligibility**

Australian or New Zealand citizen, holder of an Australian permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa or an International student

University of Sydney students currently enrolled in any undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program are eligible to apply.

Students currently enrolled in a research-based Masters or PhD program or who have been awarded a research-based Masters or PhD degree are not eligible to apply.

**Health Cover for non-resident students**

Project recipients who are not eligible for Medicare must have valid 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 project.

**Assessment**

All applications will be assessed by the Charles Perkins Centre Executive Committee against the listed guidelines.

Successful applicants will be notified by the Academic Director by 31 October 2016.

**Termination**

The project may be terminated at any time if the research or conduct of the student is deemed to be unsatisfactory or if ill-health seriously interferes with the research.
How to apply

To apply for a Summer Scholarship Project, interested students should complete the following by close of business Friday 14 October 2016:

• Online application form which includes an outline of the proposed research project
• Current academic record (or certified academic transcript for students who do not have a current University of Sydney academic record)
• Online academic reference form – to be completed by Academic Referee
• Signed agreement from project supervisors
• Evidence of health insurance for the period if not covered by Medicare

Please direct any queries to CPC Research and Education cpc.re@sydney.edu.au or +61 2 9351 5526.