Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Lifespan Oral Health

Terms and Conditions
February 2019

1. Background

a. An opportunity is available for an outstanding Masters by Research or PhD scholar to conduct research in the area of Lifespan Oral Health.

2. Eligibility

a. This Scholarship is offered subject to applicants having an unconditional offer of admission or being enrolled for full-time studies in Masters by Research or a PhD in the University of Sydney School of Dentistry at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must be a dental graduate from a recognised University.

c. Applicants must be undertaking research into Lifespan Oral Health.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:

   I. academic merit,
   II. area of study or research proposal, and
   III. a curriculum vitae.

b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the recommendation of the Chair of Lifespan Oral Health of the Sydney Dental School.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide the full value of the academic tuition fees to a successful recipient, subject to satisfactory performance. The duration of the Scholarship is dependent on the candidature of the successful recipient as outlined below:

   I. A successful recipient enrolled in a Masters by Research who commenced their candidature prior to the 1 January 2019 will receive the Scholarship for up to 8 research periods.
   II. A successful recipient enrolled in a Masters by Research who commenced their candidature on or after the 1 January 2019 will receive the Scholarship for up to 7 research periods.
   III. A successful recipient PhD recipient will receive the Scholarship for up to 12 research periods. An extension of up to 2 research periods is available.

b. The Scholarship value will be paid directly towards the student’s tuition fees after the census date of the applicable semester(s).

c. The Student Services Amenities fee (SSAF) is not included for a successful recipient.

d. No other amount is payable.
e. The Scholarship cannot be deferred or transferred to another University School or Faculty.

f. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. Not applicable.

7. Research Overseas

a. The Scholarship holder may conduct up to 12 months of their research outside Australia. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC), 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 counted towards a student’s candidature. Students must remain enrolled full-time at the University and receive approval to count time away.

8. Suspension

a. The Scholarship recipient cannot suspend their award within their first six months of study, unless a legislative provision applies.

b. The Scholarship recipient may apply for up to 12 months suspension of Scholarships for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of Scholarships suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval must be sought from the student’s supervisor, Head of School and the Faculty via application to the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (HDRAC). Periods of study towards the degree during suspension of the Scholarship will be deducted from the maximum tenure of the Scholarship.

9. Changes in Enrolment

a. The Scholarship recipient must notify HDRAC and their supervisor promptly of any planned changes to their enrolment including but not limited to: attendance pattern, suspension, leave of absence, withdrawal, course transfer, and candidature upgrade or downgrade. If the award holder does not provide notice of the changes identified above, the University may require repayment of any overpaid stipend.

10. Termination

a. The Scholarship will terminate:

I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their research degree,
II. upon the student having completed the maximum candidature for their degree as per the University of Sydney (Higher Degree by Research) Rule 2011 Policy,
III. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
IV. if the recipient receives an alternative primary tuition fee scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative tuition fee scholarship where it is of higher value,
V. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VI. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than during a period in which the Scholarship has been suspended or during a period of approved leave).

a. The Scholarship may also be terminated by the University before this time if, in the opinion of the University:

I. the course of study is not being carried out with competence and diligence or in accordance with the terms of this offer,
II. the student fails to maintain satisfactory progress, or
III. the student has committed misconduct or other inappropriate conduct.

b. Payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

c. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated.

11. Misconduct

a. Where during the Scholarship a student engages in misconduct, or other inappropriate conduct (either during the Scholarship or in connection with the student’s application and eligibility for the Scholarship), which in the opinion of the University warrants recovery of funds paid to the student, the University may require the student to repay funding amounts and any other payments made to the student in connection with the Scholarship. Examples of such conduct include and without limitation; academic dishonesty, research misconduct within the meaning of the Research Code of Conduct (for example, plagiarism in proposing, carrying out or reporting the results of research, or failure to declare or manage a serious conflict of interests), breach of the Code of Conduct for Students and misrepresentation in the application materials or other documentation associated with the Scholarship.

b. The University may require such repayment at any time during or after the Scholarship period. In addition, by accepting this Scholarship, the student consents to all aspects of any investigation into misconduct in connection with this Scholarship being disclosed by the University to the funding body and/or any relevant professional body.