The Zhuanglin Hu Postgraduate Research Support Scholarship in Linguistics

Terms and Conditions

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1. **Background**

   a. The Zhuanglin Hu Postgraduate Research Support Scholarship at the Department of Linguistics has been established to support postgraduate research students in Linguistics to travel to, attend, and participate in conferences relevant to their research, held in Australia and around the world.

2. **Eligibility**

   a. Applicants must be currently enrolled higher degree research students in the Department of Linguistics at The University of Sydney.

   b. At the application closing date applicant’s candidature cannot exceed the following periods:

      I. 3.5 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD student, or
      II. 1.5 year equivalent full-time for a masters by research student.

   c. Applicants must have been officially accepted to present a paper, or poster at a conference, symposium or workshop.

   d. Applicants must also have already applied for the maximum number of PRSS applications, or are applying given a shortfall in PRSS funding received.

3. **Selection Criteria**

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

      I. academic merit,
      II. written support of the research supervisor,
      III. evidence of acceptance or present a paper or poster, and
      IV. a personal statement which addresses the financial need, planned use of funds, and how funds will benefit their overall candidature.

   b. Preference may be given to applicants with no access to other sources of funding.

   c. The Scholarship will be awarded by a selection committee consisting of the Chair of the Department of Linguistics, the Postgraduate Research Coordinator, or their nominee, and other academic members of staff within the Department.

4. **Value**

   a. The Scholarship will provide a one-off payment of:

      I. up to $500 for presentation at a conference in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria, or
      II. up to $1,000 for presentation at a conference in the rest of Australia, or
      III. up to $1,500 for presentation at a conference overseas.
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b. Recipients must maintain recipients for related expenditure for a period of 12 months which may be audited at the discretion of the Department during this time.

c. The Scholarship is payable upon conference attendance and presentation of the research paper or poster.

d. The Scholarship cannot be deferred or transferred for another purpose.

e. No other amount is payable.

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

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to attending and successfully presenting at the relevant event in addition to maintaining enrolment in research studies.

6. Leave Arrangements

a. Not applicable.

7. Research Overseas

a. No applicable.

8. Suspension

a. The Scholarship cannot be suspended.

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. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:

   I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their PhD or Masters by Research,
   II. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD, or 2 years equivalent full time study for a masters by research,
   II. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award,
   III. if the student ceases to be a full-time student and prior approval has not been obtained to hold the Scholarship on a part-time basis,
   IV. for not attending the conference or failure to successfully present/deliver their relevant paper,
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V. if the recipient receives an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this Scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where it is of higher value,
VI. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VII. 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).

b. 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.

c. Stipend payments will be suspended throughout the duration of any enquiry/appeal process.

d. 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 stipend 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.