The Dr Joan R Clark Research Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
March 2017

1. Background

a. Awarded to a PhD student in Inorganic Chemistry to assist with costs of travel and subsistence while pursuing their research at a leading overseas university for a period of between 6 and 26 weeks.

b. Established in 1999 following gifts from Dr Joan R Clark, a distinguished mineral crystallographer, in appreciation of her visit to the School of Chemistry as a Senior Fulbright Scholar in chemical crystallography in 1962.

c. The scholarship shall be called The Dr Joan R Clark Research Scholarship.

2. Purpose

a. The purpose of the scholarship is to assist, by means of supplementary assistance, a postgraduate student proceeding to a doctorate in Inorganic Chemistry to undertake research in connection with their doctoral thesis at a leading university overseas for a period of not less than six weeks and not more than 26 weeks.

3. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

a. The criteria for the award of the scholarship shall include:

   I. the academic record of the applicant;
   II. the importance of the proposed research at an overseas university in relation to the applicant’s doctoral thesis topic;
   III. the availability of specialised research resources and/or outstanding research supervision at the overseas university nominated by the applicant.

b. In keeping with the donor’s scientific interests, preference shall be given to applicants whose research includes the determination of inorganic chemical structures by diffraction or other physical techniques.

c. The scholarship shall be awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Science on the joint recommendation of the Professor or Professors with primary responsibility for research and teaching in inorganic chemistry and the Head of the School of Chemistry to a PhD candidate whose thesis research topic is mainly in the area of inorganic chemistry.

4. Value

a. The value of the scholarship shall be determined on an individual basis by the Head of the School of Chemistry on the recommendation of the Professor or Professors with primary responsibility for research and teaching in inorganic chemistry.

b. It is expected that the value shall be sufficient to cover the holder’s expenses for return travel and subsistence during a continuous period of residence.
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c. The scholarship shall be awarded subject to the availability of funds and its availability shall be advertised within the University.

5. Condition/s

a. The terms and conditions of the scholarship may be varied in such manner as the Senate of the University of Sydney, or such other body delegated by the Senate, shall determine provided that the objectives of the award and the special selection criteria stated above are preserved.