Philipp Hofflin International Research Travel Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
April 2019

1. Background

a. Established in 2010 with a gift from Dr Philipp Hofflin, a University of Sydney graduate, this Scholarship aims to support outstanding PhD students in the School of Mathematics and Statistics, to explore research collaborations on a global scale.

b. The Scholarship supports leading PhD students to interact with research mathematicians over a period of up to two months at a chosen international host institution.

2. Eligibility

a. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a PhD within the School of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must have completed one full-time year of their PhD and have successfully passed their annual progress review.

c. Applicants must be travelling to an international host institution to undertake research related to their PhD for a period of up to two months.

3. Selection Criteria

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

   I. academic merit,
   II. research proposal and direction,
   III. a personal statement outlining the applicants demonstrated capacity of future influence and leadership,
   IV. travel proposal which details:
      i. details on the host institution,
      ii. the researchers the applicant intends to visit,
      iii. importance of the proposed research in relation to the applicant’s PhD, and
      iv. budget.
   V. evidence that the host institution is willing to allow the applicant to visit and undertake the proposed research.

b. Shortlisted applicants may be required to attend an interview.

c. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Head of School – Mathematics and Statistics, or their nominee and at least one other academic staff member from the School.
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4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at a maximum of $7,000 and will be paid as a lump sum payment post award. The total amount awarded will vary depending on the submitted budget and value of the proposed visit to the applicant’s research.

b. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted without the prior permission of the Head of School – Mathematics and Statistics and it is not transferable to another University school, faculty or university.

c. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funds.

d. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. Recipients must remain enrolled in their PhD and undertake the planned visit and complete their associated research.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from an eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. does not undertake the approved visit,
   III. does not successfully complete the visit and associated research,
   IV. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance,
   V. is determined by the University to be guilty of serious misconduct, including, but not limited to, having provided false or misleading information as part of their Scholarship application,
   VI. is awarded an alternative primary scholarship. In such circumstances this scholarship will be terminated in favour of the alternative scholarship where the alternative scholarship is of higher value,
   VII. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VIII. any other provision as indicated in these terms that would lead to termination.

b. Once the Scholarship has been terminated, it will not be reinstated unless due to University error.

c. Where a student is found guilty of serious misconduct, withdraws from the relevant course, or does successfully undertake the visit, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.