Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) PhD Research Scholarship

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Scholarship value and duration

The scholarship will provide a stipend allowance of $35,000 per annum for up to one year, subject to satisfactory academic performance. The recipient may apply for an extension and this may be available if funds are available.

Eligibility criteria

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3. Applicants must hold a Honours degree (First Class or Second Class Upper) and/or a medical degree recognised in Australia.

4. Applicants must be Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, New Zealand citizens or international applicants eligible for a visa.

For more information

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- Previous research experience,
- Demonstrated interest in medical research, and
- An ability to work independently.

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- Academic transcript(s), and
- Names and contact details of at least two referees.

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Payment schedule

- Fortnightly stipend payments.

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4. **Value**
   
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b. Periods of study already undertaken towards the degree prior to the commencement of the Scholarship, will be deducted from the maximum duration of the Scholarship excluding the potential extension period.

c. The Scholarship is for commencement in 2017 or 2018 and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.

d. The Scholarship may be extended beyond one year subject to the availability of funding.

5. **Eligibility for Progression**
   
a. Progression is subject to passing the annual PhD progress review.

6. **Leave Arrangements**
   
a. The Scholarship recipient receives up to 20 working days recreation leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued. However, the student will forfeit any unused leave remaining when the Scholarship is terminated or complete. Recreation leave does not attract a leave loading and the supervisor’s agreement must be obtained before leave is taken.

b. The Scholarship recipient may take up to 10 working days sick leave each year of the Scholarship and this may be accrued over the tenure of the Scholarship. Students with family responsibilities, caring for sick children or relatives, or experiencing domestic violence, may convert up to five days of their annual sick leave entitlement to carers leave on presentation of medical certificate(s). Students taking sick leave must inform their supervisor as soon as practicable.

7. **Research Overseas**
   
a. The Scholarship recipient may not normally conduct research overseas within the first six months of award.

b. 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 Department and 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.

9. **Changes in Enrolment**
10. Termination

a. Unless terminated earlier under this paragraph, the Scholarship will terminate:
   i. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their PhD,
   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, or
   iv. If the student ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Scholarship, (other than 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,
   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.