The Turner PhD Scholarship

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Scholarship value and duration

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Eligibility criteria

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2. Applicants should have qualifications and/or experience in the field of public health or related disciplines and/or law.

3. Applicants must have previous academic and/or experience; including but not limited to:
   i. Honours degree, and/or
   ii. Masters degree with a research component, and/or
   iii. Relevant and substantial previous research experience.

4. Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander postgraduates are encouraged to apply.

For more information

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Payment schedule

− Fortnightly stipend payments.
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Terms and Conditions – V117
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   b. The exact scope of the project will depend on the skills and interests of the applicant, but key areas of interest include:
      i. Mapping access to safe, cool and palatable water in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Australia
      ii. Exploring and analysing the legal, regulatory and policy frameworks for the provision of safe, cool, and palatable water in NSW
      iii. Making recommendations for how access to safe, cool, and palatable water could be improved in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in NSW

   c. The successful applicant will conduct research in collaboration with the Charles Perkins Centre’s Aboriginal Nutrition Node, The Poche Centre and the Health Governance, Law and Ethics research group with the Sydney Law School at The University of Sydney.

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4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide a stipend allowance of $40,000 per annum for up to 3.5 years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.

b. Academic course fees are not provided for a successful international applicant.

c. 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.

d. The Scholarship is for commencement in 2017 or research periods 1 or 2 of 2018 and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.

e. No other amount is payable.

5. Eligibility for Progression

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

b. If the scholarship recipient ceases to be eligible for the scholarship at any time during the scholarship term, the balance of the scholarship will be awarded to another student appointed in accordance with the University of Sydney policies and rules.

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
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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 for any reason during the tenure of their Scholarship. Periods of suspension are cumulative and failure to resume study after suspension will result in the award being terminated. Approval to suspend must be given by both HDRAC and the head of the department concerned. 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. 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,
   IV. 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,
   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).

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.
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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.