Postgraduate Scholarship in Exercise Immunology
Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. The Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Exercise Immunology (Scholarship) is funded by the University of Sydney. This study will examine factors leading to high rates of adverse events associated with vaccination of adolescents during Year 7 vaccination programs, and investigate the potential for interventions aimed to mitigate them.

2. Eligibility

a. The Scholarship is open to Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents, or citizens of New Zealand who have an unconditional offer to study a full-time research degree in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must have successfully completed an Honours degree, or masters level degree and have a background in immunology, physiology or exercise science.

3. Selection

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

   I. academic merit,
   II. area of previous studies,
   III. curriculum vitae,
   IV. area of study and research proposal,
   V. feedback from two academic referees, and
   VI. a cover letter which demonstrates experience and/or interest in the field of health sciences research and immunology.

b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the nomination of the relevant research supervisor in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend allowance of $10,000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to two years, subject to satisfactory academic performance. No extension is possible.

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 up until and including Research Period One 2018 and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research.

d. No other amount is payable.

5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual 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 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.