Science Research Experience Scholarship

Terms and Conditions

1. Background
   a. The Science Research Experience Scholarship provides students with an opportunity to engage in a formal supervised 6-week research project over the summer break period, equipping participants with valuable academic and professional skills, as well as links to industry. These projects allow students to engage in research whilst completing their undergraduate studies, which enhances their student experience and provides insight into potential further research studies.
   b. The Scholarship is offered to domestic and international students at the University of Sydney and also to suitably experienced domestic students from other universities in Australia and New Zealand.
   c. The research projects are typically offered between November to February, prior to the semester commencement of each year, but exact dates are arranged directly between the recipient and the supervisor of the relevant project.

2. Eligibility
   a. To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must be either:
      I. a domestic or international student enrolled full-time in an undergraduate science degree (including combined and single degrees) at the University of Sydney, or
      II. an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident enrolled full-time in an undergraduate science degree (including combined and single degrees) at another Australian or New Zealand university.
   b. Applicants must have completed at least 96 credit points of study towards their undergraduate science degree or equivalent by the time they commence their research project.
   c. Applicants must have achieved a weighted average mark (WAM) in their current undergraduate degree of at least 60, or equivalent.
   d. Applicants must be eligible to enrol in the unit of study Science Research Experience - SCRE3901.

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and personal statement.
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b. Shortlisted applicants may be asked to attend an in-person interview or phone interview with the project supervisor of the relevant project.

c. The Scholarship will be awarded on the nomination of the Dean of the Faculty of Science, or their nominated delegate with the recommendation of the respective School or Unit.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship is valued at 6 weeks of the pro rata rate of a standard full-time Research Training Program (RTP) stipend, for the year in which the offer is made.

b. The Scholarship will be paid in two equal instalments, the first occurring near the beginning of the research project and the second near the conclusion of the research project. The actual payment schedule will be provided in the offer letter.

c. Deferral of the Scholarship is not permitted, and it is not transferable to another university faculty or university without prior approval.

d. Students who participate in a placement do so on a voluntary basis. No employment relationship is created between participating students and the University.

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

f. No other amount is payable.

5. Ongoing eligibility

a. To continue receipt of the Scholarship, the recipient must enrol and continue to be enrolled in SCRE3901 for the duration of the six-week research project.

6. Termination

a. The Scholarship will be terminated if the recipient:

   I. withdraws from their eligible course or fails to enrol,
   II. withdraws from or fails to enrol in SCRE3901,
   III. does not maintain satisfactory academic performance, or does not meet the requirements of the placement unit of study SCRE3901,
   IV. undertakes an additional placement with another faculty or university during the tenure of this Scholarship,
   V. commences or continues to undertake employment (paid or otherwise) that interferes with their ability to complete the project,
   VI. 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, or
   VII. 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 or withdraws from the relevant course, the University reserves the right to request that any Scholarship funds paid to the Scholarship recipient be reimbursed.