Postgraduate Research in Diabetes Supplementary Scholarship

Terms and Conditions – November 2017

1. Background

a. This Scholarship has been established to support an outstanding PhD student to conduct research into the area of diabetes. This research will determine the mechanisms that control insulin secretion and applying this knowledge to the development of new treatments for type 1 diabetes.

b. This scholarship is to provide supplementary support for the living costs of students while completing their studies.

2. Eligibility

a. The Scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in full-time studies in a PhD at the University of Sydney.

b. Applicants must undertake research into the area of diabetes, in particular the mechanisms that control insulin secretion and applying this knowledge to the development of new treatments for type 1 diabetes.

c. Applicants must have an Honours degree or equivalent in biomedical sciences that includes lab-based experience.

d. Applicants must also be in recipient of a primary scholarship from the University of Sydney that will provide a stipend allowance.

3. Selection Criteria

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

   I. academic merit,
   II. curriculum vitae, and
   III. previous research experience.

b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of the selection committee developed for this scholarship.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of $10,000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance. The scholarship may be extended for a maximum of six months.

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 can not be transferred to another area of research.
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d. No other amount is payable.

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

5. Eligibility for Progression

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

6. Leave Arrangements

a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary scholarship.

7. Research Overseas

a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary scholarship.

8. Suspension

a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary 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. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD,
   V. on receipt of another supplementary scholarship that increases the overall supplementary rate paid to a student to more than 75% of the primary amount. In such circumstances, the supplementary scholarship of the higher value prevails,
   VI. if the recipient does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
   VII. 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
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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.

12. Acknowledgement

a. The Scholarship recipient must acknowledge the support of the Scholarship in any publications or presentations arising from the research whilst on the Scholarship.

13. Confidentiality

a. The successful applicant is required to keep all confidential information disclosed by the NHMRC or the University of Sydney confidential and ensure it is not disclosed to a third party without the prior written consent of the University of Sydney or NHMRC, as appropriate, or as required by law.