

# Postgraduate Research Supplementary Scholarship in Participatory Epidemiology

## Terms and Conditions

### 1. Background

- a. A unique opportunity is available for an outstanding PhD scholar to undertake research in participatory epidemiology, in particular infectious diseases, social computing and pathogen genomics.
- a. To assist students undertaking this research, a supplementary scholarship has been established to support the living costs of students while completing their studies.

### 2. Eligibility

- a. This Scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in a PhD at the Sydney Medical School at the University of Sydney.
- b. Applicants must be willing to undertake research in participatory epidemiology, in particular infectious diseases, social computing and pathogen genomics.
- c. Applicants must be Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents or New Zealand Citizens.
- d. Applicants must hold an Honours degree or Masters degree in science, engineering, nursing or equivalent health science discipline.
- e. Applicants must have an interest in social network analysis and public health.
- f. Applicants must be able to work across different research discipline and collaborate well with a multi-disciplinary team.
- g. Applicants must have strong written and verbal communication skills.
- h. 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. research proposal or area of study,
  - III. curriculum vitae, and
  - IV. previous research experience.
- b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of the relevant research supervisor in the Sydney Medical School.

### 4. Value

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- a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of \$10,000 per annum for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance. A six month 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 not deferrable or transferable to another area of research.
- 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**

- b. 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,

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- 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
    - 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.