Postgraduate Research Supplementary Scholarship in Exciton Science

Terms and Conditions

1. Background

a. This Scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance to PhD students who are undertaking research using computer simulations to study the self-assembly of rod-shaped nanoparticles for use in solar cell applications.

b. This Scholarship is funded by the ARC Centre of Excellence in Exciton Science.

2. Eligibility

a) Applicants must be willing to conduct research into computational/theoretical chemistry.

b) Applicants must also hold at least one of the following:
   I. an Honours degree (First Class) in Chemistry, or
   II. a Masters degree in a related field with a substantial research component.

c) Applicants must be an Australian Citizen, New Zealand Citizen, or Australian Permanent Resident.

d) Applicants must have a background in physical chemistry, chemical physics, or a related field.

e) Applicants must also be a recipient of a primary scholarship from the University of Sydney that provides a stipend allowance.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
   I. academic merit, and
   II. area of study and research proposal.

b. The Scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission for full-time studies in a PhD within the School of Chemistry at the University of Sydney.

c. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of the relevant research supervisor in the School of Chemistry.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship will provide a stipend allowance of $5000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to three years, subject to satisfactory academic performance.
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b. An extension of the Scholarship of six months is available if the recipient holds a primary stipend Scholarship for the entire duration of the extension period.

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 excluding the potential extension period.

d. The Scholarship is for commencement in relevant research period in which it is offered and cannot be deferred or transferred to another area of research without prior approval.

e. No other amount is payable.

f. 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 stipend scholarship.

7. Research Overseas

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

8. Suspension

a. The same conditions as indicated in the terms and conditions of the primary stipend 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. The Scholarship will terminate:

I. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their research degree,
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 the maximum candidature for their degree as per the University of Sydney (Higher Degree by Research) Rule 2011 Policy,
V. on receipt of another supplementary stipend scholarship(s) that increases the overall supplementary rate paid to a student to more than 75% of the primary amount. In such circumstances, the supplementary stipend 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
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 unless due to University error.

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.
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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 ARC Centre for Excellence in Exciton Science in any media, publications or presentations arising from the research whilst on this Scholarship.

13. Intellectual Property

a. The successful recipient of this Scholarship must complete the Student Deed Poll supplied by the University of Sydney.