Enhanced Business School Research Scholarship

Terms and Conditions
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1. Background

a. The Enhanced Business School Research Scholarship (EBSRS) has been developed to support outstanding researchers undertaking postgraduate research within The University of Sydney Business School.

2. Eligibility

a. Candidates who apply for admission for full-time studies in a postgraduate research degree within The University of Sydney Business School by the relevant advertised deadlines will be considered automatically.

b. Candidates who have commenced their postgraduate research degree at the University of Sydney are not eligible.

3. Selection Criteria

a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of demonstrated academic achievement and research potential.

b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the nomination of a selection committee consisting of the Associate Dean (Research), or their nominee, and at least two other academic staff from The University of Sydney Business School.

4. Value

a. The Scholarship provides a stipend (living allowance) of $35,000 per annum (fixed rate) for up to 4 years for PhD candidates. MPhil candidates will be awarded the scholarship for up to 1.5 years, by which point they will be required to upgrade to PhD. No extension is possible.

b. The EBSRS will be converted to Enhanced BSRS Supplementary Scholarship for recipients who were awarded an RTP scholarship subsequent to being awarded an EBSRS.

c. Academic tuition fees are also provided for international recipients. International PhD recipients will have academic tuition fees covered for 16 research periods. International MPhil recipients will have their academic tuition fees covered for up to 6 research periods only. No extension is possible.

d. 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.

e. The Scholarship cannot be deferred without the prior approval of the Associate Dean (Research) or transferred to another area of research.

f. No other amount is payable.

g. The Scholarship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.
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5. Eligibility for Progression

a. Progression is subject to passing the annual progress review, maintaining satisfactory progress in coursework and completing school research milestones.

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 the Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (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.
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10. Conversion Between Research Programs

a. The Scholarship recipient may convert an MPhil to a PhD provided such change in candidature is approved by the HDRAC and the School. The maximum duration of the converted Scholarship will be the time remaining for their new candidature, providing it does not exceed 16 research periods.

11. Termination

a. Unless terminated according to provisions specified in earlier clauses, the Scholarship will terminate:

   I. upon submission of the thesis or at the end of the award;
   II. on resignation or withdrawal of the student from their HDR program;
   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 16 research periods full-time study for a PhD, or 6 research periods full-time study for an MPhil;
   V. if the recipient receives an alternative stipend scholarship whose value exceeds 75% of EBSRS. EBSRS will be provided as an academic tuition fee scholarship only where relevant;
   VI. 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.

12. 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.