Fine mapping and cloning leaf rust resistance genes in barley
Industry supplementary scholarship

Terms and Conditions
October 2017

1. Background
   a. This scholarship is for a PhD student to conduct research into fine mapping and cloning leaf rust resistance genes in barley. The research provides a unique opportunity for the recipient to develop skills in plant pathology, molecular biology and genetics.
   b. The research will be based at the Plant Breeding Institute in Cobbitty (USyd-Camden campus) and will also involve a period of time spent working with collaborators at CSIRO in Canberra.
   c. This scholarship is funded by the Grains and Research Department Corporation.

2. Eligibility
   a. This scholarship is offered subject to the applicant having an unconditional offer of admission or being currently enrolled in a PhD within the Faculty of Science at the University of Sydney.
   b. Applicants must have already been awarded a Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship or equivalent from the University of Sydney that will provide a stipend allowance.
   c. First class honours degree or equivalent
   d. Must have great communication skills

3. Selection Criteria
   a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship on the basis of:
      I. academic merit,
      II. curriculum vitae, and
      III. evidence of a primary scholarship
   b. Applicants with a background in plant science and genetics will be highly regarded.
   c. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.
   d. The successful applicant will be awarded the Scholarship by the nomination of Dr Peter Dracatos.

4. Value
   a. The Scholarship will provide an annual stipend supplementary allowance of $19,387 per annum (fixed rate) for up to two and a half years, subject to satisfactory academic
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performance.

b. The scholarship must finish on or before 30 June 2020
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

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9. Changes in Enrolment

a. The Scholarship recipient must notify Higher Degree by Research Administration Centre (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,
I. upon the student having completed 4 years equivalent full-time study for a PhD
II. 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,
III. on termination of the recipients primary scholarship,
IV. 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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V. does not resume study at the end of a period of approved leave, or
VI. 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.

12. Reporting

a. The successful recipient will need to provide an annual report to the Grains Research Development Corporation at the end of each year.